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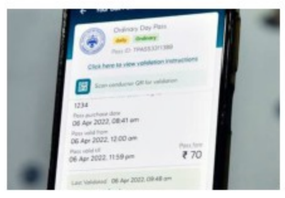

### BMTC to go fully digital to issue passes from Sept. 15

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BMTC is set to transition to a fully digital mode for the issuance of daily, weekly, and monthly passes starting September 15. The move aims to enhance the convenience of commuters. » PAGE 2

### Automated testing stations for vehicles to be set up

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To modernise and bring in more transparency in vehicle fitness checks, the Transport Department will establish automated testing stations across the State. They will replace the manual checks conducted at RTOs. » PAGE 5

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# At 6.7%, growth slid to five-quarter low in Q1

Slowdown well within consensus anticipation, says Chief Economic Adviser; for first time in a year, growth in real Gross Value Added (GVA) outperformed GDP growth with a 6.8% uptick in Q1

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Signalling a moderation in the economy's growth momentum, India's real GDP rose 6.7% in the April to June 2024 quarter, the slowest in five quarters, and well below the Reserve Bank of India's expectation of a 7.1% uptick as well as the 7.8% uptick registered in the preceding quarter.

For the first time in a year, growth in the real Gross Value Added (GVA) in the economy outperformed GDP growth, with a 6.8% uptick in the first quarter (Q1) of 2024-25. This is a significant shift from the preceding two quarters, Q3 and Q4 of 2023-24, when real GVA growth lagged behind GDP growth by 1.8 and 1.5 percentage points, respectively.

The central bank has penned in a GDP growth of 7.2% for this year, and the softer-than-expected Q1 growth amid easing headline inflation may shift the dynamics for its hawkish monetary policy stance, especially with the U.S. Federal Reserve indicating an interest rate cut next month.

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran sought to play down the Q1 blip as "a slight slowdown that was anticipated by most commentators" as the conduct of the general elections had brought down government expenditure, including capital spends. "So in that sense, the 6.7% [growth] was well within the consensus anticipation," he said.

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### Slow incline

India's real gross domestic product (GDP) rose by 6.7% in the April to June 2024 quarter, the slowest in five quarters. The graph shows the Y-on-Y % change of the real GDP.

*The rise in the latest quarter is below Reserve Bank of India's expectation of a 7.1% uptick, as well as the previous quarter's growth of 7.8%.*

### Core sectors grew 6.1% in July, up from June's 5.1%

NEW DELHI
Output at India's eight core sectors grew 6.1% in July, rebounding from June's five-month low pace of 5.1%. Electricity generation growth slid to a 6-month low of 7%; natural gas production slowed for the first time in over a year, shrinking 1.3%. » PAGE 15

# Cyclone Asna forms over Kutch; rain lashes Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Emergency services personnel work on removing water from a flooded underpass on the outskirts of Ahmedabad. AFP

Cyclone Asna has formed over the Kutch coast in Gujarat and adjoining areas of Pakistan, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday. The cyclonic storm – a rare land-originating one in August and headed to the Arabian Sea – is expected to move further away from the western coast in the next 48 hours.

On the back of the cyclone, light to moderate rainfall occurred at most places in Gujarat and heavy to very heavy rainfall was reported at isolated places in Kutch and adjoining districts of Saurashtra on Friday, the IMD noted.

This is the first cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea in August since 1976. The name Asna, meaning "the one to be acknowledged or praised", has been given by Pakistan. Between 1891 and 2023, only three cyclonic storms formed in the Arabian Sea in August (in 1976, 1964, and 1944), according to IMD.

**Low pressure off A.P.**

Simultaneously, a well-marked low pressure area – a very early precursor to a cyclone – has formed in the Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh and south Odisha. It is likely to move further west-northwestwards towards north A.P. and adjoining south Odisha coasts and intensify into a depression during the next 36 hours. The IMD has forecast light rain over both States.

The build-up from cyclone Asna resulted in torrential rainfall in Gujarat this week. Rain-related incidents in Gujarat claimed 32 lives since Sunday. More than 18,000 people have been relocated, and around 1,200 rescued from flood-affected areas.

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## *Golden moment*

**Crack shot:** Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals when she retained the women's 10m air rifle title, with a record score, in Paris on Friday. GETTY IMAGES (PAGE 17)

# BBMP decides to regularise paying guest facilities in residential layouts too

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The BBMP, which is on a drive to regularise illegal paying guest (PG) facilities if they comply with the recent guidelines issued, has now decided to grant licences to those in residential layouts as well. Till now, the civic body had been turning down such requests.

However, the move has not gone down well with resident activists who have been fighting against mushrooming of PG facility, especially in the outer zones of the city.

The BBMP issued a new set of guidelines following the murder of a woman at a PG accommodation in Koramangala in July. It has set September 15 as deadline for PGs to comply with the guidelines and avail licence from the civic body. The PG facilities which either do not comply with the guidelines or avail a licence will face closure, the BBMP announced. While there are over 25,000 PGs in the city, only around 2,000 of them are licenced, sources said.

Suralkar Vikash Kishor, Special Commissioner (Health), BBMP, said the civic body had decided to bring PG facilities in residential areas under the licence net. "Health officers are denying licence to PG facilities in residential areas and the civic body will sensitise them on this issue," he said. He said people choose to live in residential areas away from the bustle of the city and the ground reality was that many PG facilities were located in such areas.

**Residents oppose**

Sandeep Anirudhan, who has led protests against illegal PG accommodations in Whitefield, dubbed the decision "illogical". "Regularising PG accommodations in residential areas will only lead to further mushrooming of the facilities. It will further strain water resources in the areas and also create parking problems," he said.

Mr. Kishor said the association of those running PG facilities in the city have raised two demands - to reduce minimum living space to each occupant, currently fixed at 70 sqft, and the time till CCTV footage needs to be stored to 30 days. He said both were being considered.

# Senior ICAR scientists hired laterally without reservation

Kunal Shankar
A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI/CHENNAI

**Over 2,700 scientists are hired through interviews only, without reservation since 2007**

More than 2,700 scientists at India's top farm research body – accounting for an overwhelming majority of senior-level hires at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – have been recruited through lateral entry since 2007, undermining the goals of the reservation policy, documents accessed by *The Hindu* reveal.

A July 29 resolution of the Agricultural Research Service Scientists' Forum – an association representing about 3,750 scientists at ICAR – has sought a ban on lateral entry into the research body. The resolution says that the lateral entry system "creates conflict among these two groups of scientists" and has made for a "toxic" work culture "which affects the efficiency of the system". It adds: "Scientists who have served for more than 25 years at ICAR, those who were recruited by ARS [Agricultural Scientists Recruitment] examination are not getting Semi RMP [Research Management Positions] and RMP positions as the scientists recruited through lateral entry are blocking the opportunities."

The resolution adds that the lateral entry system in ICAR does not provide reservation for SC/ST [Scheduled Caste and Tribe] candidates, violating the Constitution and disappointing those who have joined the institution through the examination system.

*The Hindu* reviewed the annual assessment reports of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) since 2007. The Board is ICAR's recruitment arm for India's 113 Centrally-run agricultural research institutes. The reports show that RMPs – those at the grade of Senior Scientist or above – are recruited through "direct/lateral entry" or "recruitment by interviews". On the other hand, there is the three-tier selection process – based on qualification, a National Eligibility Test, and an interview – called the "single entry system", which is subject to reservation rules. Two-thirds of ICAR scientists are appointed through this examination process.

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# Notice issued to senior police official over lapses at Bengaluru Central Prison

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has issued a notice to Director-General of Police, Prisons and Correctional Services, Malini Krishnamurthy, seeking an explanation over the alleged lapses at the Bengaluru Central Prison here, while actor Darshan was lodged there, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said.

He was speaking to presspersons in Hubballi on Friday.

A photograph of Darshan, accused in a murder case, sitting with rowdy sheeters from other barracks, smoking, with a coffee mug in hand, had gone viral earlier this week.

A recording of a video call he made to the son of another rowdy sheeter from Bengaluru Central Prison had also surfaced. Darshan has since been shifted to the Ballari district prison.

A photograph of Darshan, accused in a murder case, sitting with rowdy sheeters from other barracks, with a coffee mug in hand, had gone viral earlier this week. FILE PHOTO

**Nine suspended**

A total of nine prison officials were suspended and an IPS officer was transferred out over the alleged lapses in the prison in Bengaluru.

A probe is under way against prison officials as to how these lapses occurred. Investigators have also recorded the statement of Darshan before he was shifted to Ballari. Probe is on to ascertain whether there were any monetary transactions between the prison officials and associates of the inmates who allegedly enjoyed preferential treatment.

The use of mobile phones inside the prison has not only raised security concerns, but also exposed the ineffectiveness of Harmonic Call Blocking System (HCBS), for which the government has spent crores of rupees. HCBS has disrupted mobile networks in the prison's vicinity and residents have been complaining over the issue.

**Film re-released**

Darshan's 2003 hit film *Kariya* was re-released on Friday and theatres reported packed houses with fan frenzy reported from many places. In one of the theatres in Bengaluru, the police had to intervene to control the unruly behaviour of the actor's fans.

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# Channapatna bypoll arena hots up

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With Channapatna bypoll dates expected to be announced within a fortnight, the politics around it is picking up steam in the Congress and the BJP-JD(S) camps.

On Friday, a delegation of BJP State leaders led by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok met party national president J.P. Nadda. With Mr. Yogeshwar remaining adamant to contest, seat sharing between the BJP and JD (S) has turned complicated.

The same day also saw Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar telling the voters of Channapatna that it will be a vote for him no matter who contests the bypoll from the Congress.

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# Respect in retrospect: assessing Dhawan's standing among India's openers

The left-hander might not always have received the attention he deserved, but his white-ball numbers, partnership with Rohit Sharma and impact in ICC tournaments place him among the country's very best in ODIs. Reasonably effective in Tests, he was also an adept T20 bat

**K.C. Vijaya Kumar**

India's opening gambit in cricket is often seen as the hallowed preserve of four iconic batters. In Tests, there is no escaping the greatness of Sunil Gavaskar and the audacity of Virender Sehwag. And in limited-overs cricket, specifically ODIs, look no further than the genius of Sachin Tendulkar and the voracious run-appetite of Rohit Sharma.

However, in a team-sport, even if individuals gain a massive halo and inspire youngsters to follow in their footsteps, there is no escaping the need for a good partner. Gavaskar was blessed to have the obduracy of Chetan Chauhan, Aunshuman Gaekwad and fleetingly Arun Lal. Towards the end of his storied career, the Mumbaikar had K. Srikkanth as his aggressive counter.

## Formidable alliances

Sehwag initially had Aakash Chopra and later the celebrated Gautam Gambhir, truly a Delhi troika with varying shades in batsmanship and temperament. Tendulkar, meanwhile, forged a formidable alliance with Sourav Ganguly, and later found in Sehwag, a kindred spirit. And for Rohit, look no further than Shikhar Dhawan. The latter slotted into that cherished 'southpaw opener' zone of ODIs, an area lit up by the finesse of Ganguly and the fiery blade of Adam Gilchrist.

For a generation of fans, the West Indian duo of Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes was the go-to combination when it came to enduring openers, be it Tests or ODIs. Subsequently every pair that walked out, in whites or coloured attire, across the cricketing globe, felt the pressure of comparison. Still, Tendulkar and Ganguly, and their successors Rohit and Dhawan carved a space unique for themselves in ODIs.

Within this quartet of Indian batters, Dhawan perhaps never got the attention he deserved. Tendulkar was always the maestro, Ganguly, a feisty skipper, and both could bowl too, and that further embellished their respective legacies. At the other end of the spectrum, Rohit has always revealed a hunger for 'Daddy Hundreds', the kind that deflated rivals and set off Diwali fireworks in the stands; additionally, he is an astute captain.

Dhawan, who retired last Saturday (August 24) through a sweet video posted on his social media platforms, was perhaps seen as a lesser star, much like S. Venkataraghavan among the famous spin-quartet of yore. An individual shadowed by others isn't new to cricket. The legendary Rahul Dravid had the dazzling brilliance of Tendulkar to contend with; equally, in vital partnerships, it was V.V.S. Laxman, who mostly walked away with the plaudits. Yet, Dravid found his path, formed his legacy and remains a bulwark in the batting pantheon.

Dhawan took his time to graduate to the senior India colours even if he was an outstanding under-19 player, soon expected to rub shoulders with M.S. Dhoni and the rest. The left-hander first turned out for India in 2010. It was an ODI at Visakhapatnam against the visiting Aussies. The salty air over the coastal metropolis was tinged with expectations and Dhoni fuelled it further by praising the imminent debutant Dhawan.

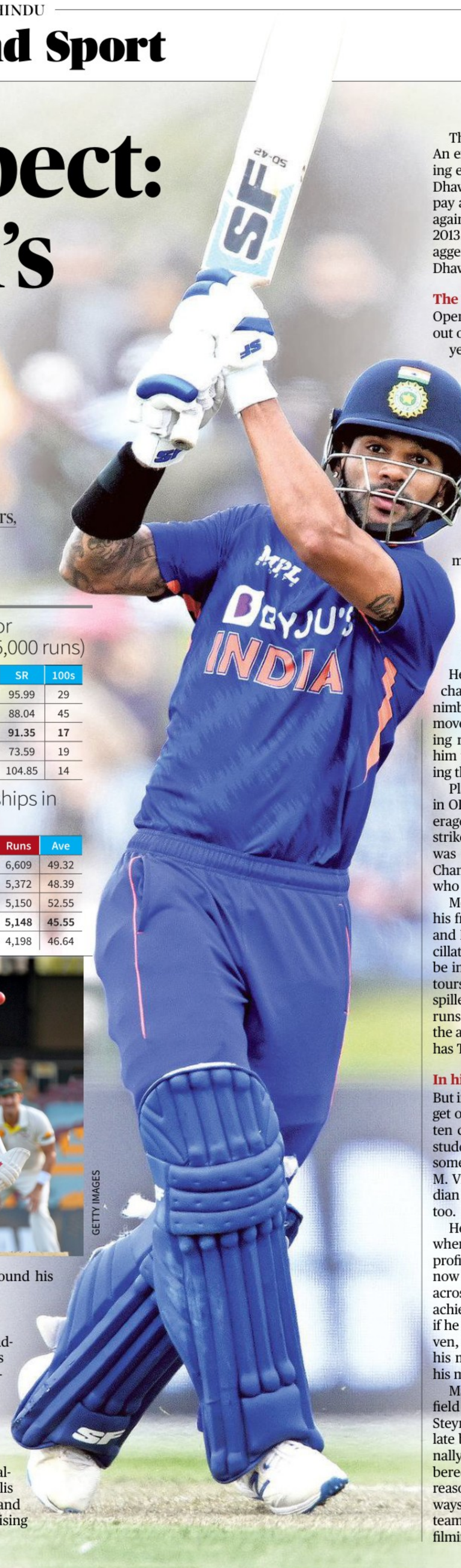
**Dhawan was unique in his own inimitable way. He hustled runs, cut, pulled, drove and often charged out to spinners and pacers**

### Highest ODI average for Indian openers (min. 5,000 runs)

| Opener | Runs | Ave | SR | 100s |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rohit Sharma | 8,836 | 55.57 | 95.99 | 29 |
| Sachin Tendulkar | 15,310 | 48.29 | 88.04 | 45 |
| **Shikhar Dhawan** | **6,793** | **44.11** | **91.35** | **17** |
| Sourav Ganguly | 9,146 | 41.57 | 73.59 | 19 |
| Virender Sehwag | 7,240 | 36.93 | 104.85 | 14 |

### Best opening partnerships in ODIs (all time)

| Partners | Inns | Runs | Ave |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ganguly-Tendulkar | 136 | 6,609 | 49.32 |
| Gilchrist-Hayden | 114 | 5,372 | 48.39 |
| Greenidge-Haynes | 102 | 5,150 | 52.55 |
| **Dhawan-Rohit** | **115** | **5,148** | **45.55** |
| Amla-de Kock | 93 | 4,198 | 46.64 |



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The opener, though, was dismissed for a duck. An expected growth story seemed to be vaporising even before the ink had dried on paper. But Dhawan hung in and made the same opposition pay a heavy price when he made his Test debut against the men from Down Under at Mohali in 2013. The result was a 187, all quicksilver runs, exaggerated celebrations, endearing smiles, and Dhawan was here to stay.

## The opener's life

Openers never have it easy, especially stepping out on day one, against fresh pacers on a surface yet to be judged, while the middle-order allows the teabags to gently infuse into cups of hot water inside the dressing room. And in the second dig, there is no time to rest sore legs after a long fielding stint and perhaps allow the mind to wander.

In the books on classical batsmanship, men atop the batting tree were expected to defend and set the base for the number three and four batters to cash in. Dhawan obviously was more in tune with the trend of modern openers setting an aggressive tone, both in Tests and limited-overs cricket. The graceful David Gower and the gritty Allan Border defined two ends of batting aesthetics when it came to the southpaws of the 1980s and early 1990s. Dhawan wasn't someone who could be placed in this either-or classification.

He was unique in his own inimitable way. He hustled runs, cut, pulled, drove and often charged out to spinners and pacers, and was nimble enough to either press forward and loft or move sideways and whip one over fine-leg. Fielding restrictions in limited-overs cricket offered him the freedom to find untenanted spaces during the initial overs.

Placed tenth among India's highest run-getters in ODIs, Dhawan finished with 6,793 at a fine average of 44.11, with 17 tons and a remarkable strike-rate of 91.35 further adding to his glory. He was a debonair ODI star, a key to India's 2013 Champions Trophy triumph in England, and one who always found his voice in ICC tournaments.

More importantly, Dhawan forged a bond with his friend Rohit. If the Delhiite was all sunshine and Punjabi pop, Rohit was this laconic star, oscillating between the cover-drive and a desire to be in the shadows. They had meals together on tours, shared a good laugh, and this kinship spilled onto the turf. Together they stitched 5,148 runs, averaging 45.55, and are placed fourth in the all-time list of opening partnerships, one that has Tendulkar and Ganguly atop the pole.

## In his element

But in Tests, with its added scrutiny, this desire to get off the starting blocks at breakneck speed often cost Dhawan his wicket. Still his 2,315 runs studded with seven hundreds in 34 Tests offered some welcome stability, often in association with M. Vijay at the other end. In T20Is and in the Indian Premier League, Dhawan was in his element too.

He was always ready, be it to open or to lead when his fellow batting stars skipped a few low-profile ODIs overseas. Much like Yuvraj Singh and now Mohammed Siraj, Dhawan always came across as this player who genuinely cherished the achievements of his teammates. It did not matter if he was in form or fighting for a place in the eleven, Gabbar was always in good spirits, twirling his moustache, slapping his thigh and teaching his mates some groovy steps.

Many bowlers too danced to his tunes on the field and it was no surprise that the great Dale Steyn congratulated Dhawan on a fine career. A late bloomer in international cricket, Dhawan finally ceded territory at 38. He will be remembered as this flamboyant opener in ODIs and a reasonably effective one in Tests. His tale will always be a story of respect in retrospect, and his teammates will miss him, at the crease and while filming Instagram reels!

# STACKING UP

**ATP Men's Top 15**

| # | Player | Age | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jannik Sinner | 23 | 9,360 | 18 |
| 2 | Novak Djokovic | 37 | 7,460 | 18 |
| 3 | Carlos Alcaraz | 21 | 7,360 | 17 |
| 4 | Alexander Zverev | 27 | 7,035 | 24 |
| 5 | Daniil Medvedev | 28 | 6,275 | 18 |
| 6 | Andrey Rublev | 26 | 4,805 | 25 |
| 7 | Hubert Hurkacz | 27 | 4,055 | 22 |
| 8 | Casper Ruud | 25 | 3,855 | 23 |
| 9 | Grigor Dimitrov | 33 | 3,655 | 21 |
| 10 | Alex de Minaur | 25 | 3,435 | 23 |
| 11 | Stefanos Tsitsipas | 26 | 3,425 | 23 |
| 12 | Taylor Fritz | 26 | 3,120 | 22 |
| 13 | Ben Shelton | 21 | 3,110 | 25 |
| 14 | Tommy Paul | 27 | 2,985 | 21 |
| 15 | Holger Rune | 21 | 2,780 | 24 |

**Top Indians ▶**

Sumit Nagal
Rank 73 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 326 ▼ 2 spots

**WTA Women's Top 15**

| # | Player | Age | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Iga Swiatek | 23 | 10,695 | 17 |
| 2 | Aryna Sabalenka | 26 | 8,016 | 18 |
| 3 | Coco Gauff | 20 | 6,743 | 17 |
| 4 | Elena Rybakina | 25 | 5,931 | 19 |
| 5 | Jasmine Paolini | 28 | 5,168 | 22 |
| 6 | Jessica Pegula | 30 | 5,160 | 21 |
| 7 | Qinwen Zheng | 21 | 3,980 | 19 |
| 8 | Barbora Krejcikova | 28 | 3,571 | 18 |
| 9 | Maria Sakkari | 29 | 3,515 | 23 |
| 10 | Jelena Ostapenko | 27 | 3,428 | 23 |
| 11 | Danielle Collins | 30 | 3,422 | 20 |
| 12 | Emma Navarro | 23 | 3,040 | 28 |
| 13 | Daria Kasatkina | 27 | 2,973 | 23 |
| 14 | Madison Keys | 29 | 2,727 | 15 |
| 15 | Anna Kalinskaya | 25 | 2,712 | 23 |

**Top Indians ▶**

Ankita Raina
Rank 283 ▼ 1 spot

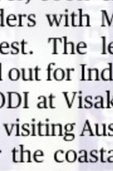
Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 303 ▲ 3 spots

**F1 Drivers' standings**

| # | Driver | Team | Points | Wins |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Max Verstappen | Red Bull | 295 | 7 |
| 2 | Lando Norris | McLaren | 225 | 2 |
| 3 | Charles Leclerc | Ferrari | 192 | 1 |
| 4 | Oscar Piastri | McLaren | 179 | 1 |
| 5 | Carlos Sainz | Ferrari | 172 | 1 |
| 6 | Lewis Hamilton | Mercedes | 154 | 2 |
| 7 | Sergio Perez | Red Bull | 139 | 0 |
| 8 | George Russell | Mercedes | 122 | 1 |
| 9 | Fernando Alonso | Aston Martin | 50 | 0 |
| 10 | Lance Stroll | Aston Martin | 24 | 0 |
| 11 | Nico Hulkenberg | Haas | 22 | 0 |
| 12 | Yuki Tsunoda | RB | 22 | 0 |
| 13 | Daniel Ricciardo | RB | 12 | 0 |
| 14 | Pierre Gasly | Alpine | 8 | 0 |
| 15 | Oliver Bearman | Ferrari | 6 | 0 |
| 16 | Kevin Magnussen | Haas | 5 | 0 |
| 17 | Esteban Ocon | Alpine | 5 | 0 |
| 18 | Alex Albon | Williams | 4 | 0 |
| 19 | Zhou Guanyu | Sauber | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Valtteri Bottas | Sauber | 0 | 0 |



Max Verstappen



Lando Norris

**F1 Constructors' standings**

| Pos | Team | Points | Wins |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Red Bull | 434 | 7 |
| 2 | McLaren | 404 | 3 |
| 3 | Ferrari | 370 | 2 |
| 4 | Mercedes | 276 | 3 |
| 5 | Aston Martin | 74 | 0 |
| 6 | RB | 34 | 0 |
| 7 | Haas | 27 | 0 |
| 8 | Alpine | 13 | 0 |
| 9 | Williams | 4 | 0 |
| 10 | Kick Sauber | 0 | 0 |

**Badminton Men's ranking**

| # | Player | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shi Yu Qi | 102,415 | 17 |
| 2 | Viktor Axelsen | 96,590 | 14 |
| 3 | Jonatan Christie | 83,797 | 17 |
| 4 | Lee Zii Jia | 83,716 | 23 |
| 5 | Li Shi Feng | 82,996 | 17 |
| 6 | Anders Antonsen | 81,881 | 22 |
| 7 | Kodai Naraoka | 79,297 | 20 |
| 8 | Kunlavut Vitidsarn | 75,758 | 16 |
| 9 | Chou Tien Chen | 71,877 | 29 |
| 10 | Anthony Sinisuka Ginting | 70,485 | 19 |
| 11 | Loh Kean Yew | 65,433 | 23 |
| 12 | Kenta Nishimoto | 64,662 | 24 |
| 13 | Lu Guang Zu | 58,551 | 20 |
| 14 | Lin Chun-Yi | 58,501 | 28 |
| 15 | Koki Watanabe | 57,954 | 21 |

**Top Indians ▶**



Prannoy H. S.
Rank 16



Lakshya Sen
Rank 18

**Badminton Women's ranking**

| # | Player | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | An Se Young | 111,317 | 14 |
| 2 | Chen Yu Fei | 103,482 | 16 |
| 3 | Tai Tzu Ying | 90,471 | 17 |
| 4 | Carolina Marin | 88,286 | 16 |
| 5 | Akane Yamaguchi | 86,857 | 11 |
| 6 | Wang Zhi Yi | 82,065 | 19 |
| 7 | Han Yue | 77,609 | 20 |
| 8 | Gregoria Mariska Tunjung | 77,062 | 20 |
| 9 | Aya Ohori | 70,917 | 24 |
| 10 | Beiwen Zhang | 65,356 | 23 |
| 11 | Supanida Katethong | 62,874 | 25 |
| 12 | Busanan Ongbamrungphan | 62,590 | 24 |
| 13 | P.V. Sindhu | 61,462 | 14 |
| 14 | Nozomi Okuhara | 60,031 | 22 |
| 15 | Kim Ga Eun | 58,100 | 16 |

**Top Indians ▶**

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 13

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 39

**Test Batting**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Joe Root | 881 | 923 |
| 2 | Kane Williamson | 859 | 919 |
| 3 | Daryl Mitchell | 768 | 804 |
| 4 | Harry Brook | 758 | 773 |
| 5 | Steve Smith | 757 | 947 |
| 6 | Rohit Sharma | 751 | 813 |
| 7 | Yashasvi Jaiswal | 740 | 740 |
| 8 | Virat Kohli | 737 | 937 |
| 9 | Babar Azam | 734 | 882 |
| 10 | Usman Khawaja | 728 | 847 |

**Test Bowling**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Ashwin | 870 | 904 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | 847 | 864 |
| 2 | Jasprit Bumrah | 847 | 881 |
| 4 | Kagiso Rabada | 820 | 902 |
| 4 | Pat Cummins | 820 | 914 |
| 6 | Nathan Lyon | 801 | 801 |
| 7 | Ravindra Jadeja | 788 | 899 |
| 8 | Kyle Jamieson | 729 | 836 |
| 9 | Prabath Jayasuriya | 727 | 783 |
| 10 | Shaheen Afridi | 716 | 836 |

**ODI Batting**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Babar Azam | 824 | 898 |
| 2 | Rohit Sharma | 765 | 882 |
| 3 | Shubman Gill | 763 | 847 |
| 4 | Virat Kohli | 746 | 909 |
| 4 | Harry Tector | 746 | 767 |
| 6 | Daryl Mitchell | 728 | 750 |
| 7 | David Warner | 723 | 869 |
| 8 | Pathum Nissanka | 708 | 728 |
| 9 | Dawid Malan | 707 | 730 |
| 10 | Rassie van der Dussen | 701 | 796 |

**ODI Bowling**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Keshav Maharaj | 716 | 741 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | 688 | 727 |
| 3 | Adam Zampa | 686 | 695 |
| 4 | Kuldeep Yadav | 665 | 760 |
| 5 | Bernard Scholtz | 657 | 657 |
| 6 | Mohammad Nabi | 656 | 657 |
| 7 | Shaheen Afridi | 650 | 688 |
| 8 | Jasprit Bumrah | 645 | 838 |
| 9 | Mohammed Siraj | 643 | 736 |
| 9 | Trent Boult | 643 | 775 |

**T20I Batting**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Travis Head | 844 | 844 |
| 2 | Suryakumar Yadav | 805 | 910 |
| 3 | Philip Salt | 797 | 833 |
| 4 | Yashasvi Jaiswal | 757 | 779 |
| 5 | Babar Azam | 755 | 896 |
| 6 | Mohammad Rizwan | 746 | 875 |
| 7 | Jos Buttler | 716 | 720 |
| 8 | Ruturaj Gaikwad | 664 | 706 |
| 9 | Nicholas Pooran | 660 | 667 |
| 10 | Brandon King | 643 | 704 |

**T20I Bowling**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adil Rashid | 718 | 746 |
| 2 | Anrich Nortje | 675 | 695 |
| 3 | Rashid Khan | 668 | 816 |
| 4 | Wanindu Hasaranga | 663 | 797 |
| 5 | Josh Hazlewood | 662 | 806 |
| 6 | Akeal Hosein | 659 | 683 |
| 7 | Adam Zampa | 654 | 743 |
| 8 | Fazalhaq Farooqi | 645 | 692 |
| 9 | Maheesh Theekshana | 640 | 684 |
| 10 | Ravi Bishnoi | 635 | 699 |

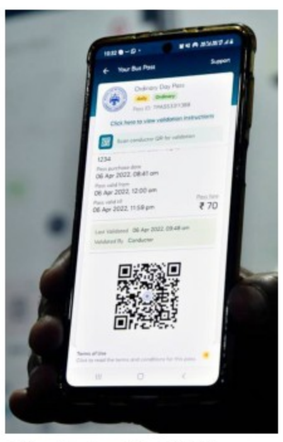
# BMTC to go fully digital to issue passes from Sept. 15

At present, the passes are issued in both pre-printed and digital formats. With the upcoming changes, passengers will have to purchase passes exclusively through a mobile app

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is set to transition to a fully digital mode for the issuance of daily, weekly, and monthly passes starting September 15. This move aims to enhance the convenience of commuters by providing a hassle-free, cashless, paperless, and contactless pass purchase experience, according to BMTC officials.

Currently, the BMTC offers passes in both pre-printed and digital formats. With the upcoming changes, passengers will be required to purchase their passes exclusively through the Tummoc mobile app, making the process accessible at their fingertips. The day passes will still be available through the electronic ticketing machine operated by conductors, but the digital mode via the Tummoc application will become the standard.



A file photo of the BMTC's digital day bus pass.

According to a release, to obtain a digital pass, commuters must download the Tummoc app from the Google Play Store, register, select their preferred pass (daily, weekly, or monthly), fill in the necessary details, upload a photo, and confirm their pass selection. Once the payment is successfully completed, the pass will be generated. Passengers are required to carry a selected ID card while traveling and can verify their pass by scanning the QR code pasted on the bus using their mobile phone.

When questioned about the availability of passes for senior citizens and other citizens who may not have smartphones, a senior BMTC official told *The Hindu* that the matter would be looked into, although the goal is to move towards a fully digital system. "Everyone has smartphones now, and we want to go fully digital in the coming days," the official added.

### How to obtain a digital BMTC pass

- Download the Tummoc app from Google Play Store
- Create an account on the app
- Choose your pass type: Daily, weekly, or monthly
- Enter required details and upload a photo
- Confirm your selection and complete the payment
- Your digital pass will be generated after the payment
- While traveling, carry an ID card and scan the QR code on the bus with the app for pass verification

Source: BMTC

# Bescom to get stringent with cutting supply for not paying bill within 30 days

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Failure to pay the electricity bill within 30 days of receiving it will result in disconnection of power supply in the first week of the following month itself from now, officials of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) announced on Friday.

A file photo of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company staff reading a meter for issuing a bill.

Until now, after meter reading, meter readers and linemen used to revisit the premises of consumers with outstanding bills to disconnect their power supply in the first 15 days of every month. However, from September 1, linemen will accompany meter readers the first time itself and disconnect power supply of consumers with overdue bills. "Instead of going twice, our meter readers and linemen will visit the premises of consumers only once now. They will give the bills and if the consumer has arrears, then they will immediately disconnect the power supply," said Mahantesh Bilagi, managing director, Bescom.

The power utility provides 15 days for consumers to pay their electricity bills before the due date without any interest. After that, an additional 15-day grace period is provided to pay the bill with interest. If the consumers still fail to pay their bills, then the supply will be disconnected as per the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission norms. Similarly, the power connection will also be disconnected for those who have not paid their additional security deposit.

Bescom also issued an advisory for consumers: "When paying electricity bills online, there may be instances where the payment does not immediately reflect in the Bescom system. In such cases, consumers are advised to present their payment receipt to the Bescom staff to avoid disconnection. Consumers are requested to cooperate with the Bescom staff to ensure a smooth process."

# UGNEET and KCET: Final results of seat allotment for first round announced

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) on Friday announced the final results of seat allotment of the first round for UGNEET-2024 and KCET-2024 candidates. The post-seat allotment procedure for these candidates will commence from Saturday.

H. Prasanna, Executive Director of the KEA, said in a press release on Friday that exercising of choices by the seat allotted candidates would be allowed from 11 a.m. on August 31 to September 3 (11.59 p.m.). They have been advised to do it carefully, consulting their parents.

This is applicable to medical/dental/AYUSH, engineering, architecture, agriculture, veterinary, B-Pharma, BSc (Nursing), Yoga and Naturopathy course seat allottees in the first round.

Candidates have to select any one choice out of the four which is suitable for them. Before indicating the choice, candidates should read and understand the implications of each choice, according to the release. Candidates who have selected choice-1 and choice-2 can pay the fees between 1 p.m. on August 31 and 4 p.m. on September 4. Only, Choice-1 NEET candidates who have paid the fees should deposit original documents (at the KEA, Bengaluru, in person) along with two sets of attested photocopies of all the documents between September 2 and 4 from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Downloading of admission order for choice-1 candidates will be allowed from September 2 to 5. The last date for reporting at the allotted college is September 5, before 5.30 p.m.

To ensure adherence to the schedule and considering the limited time available for conducting counselling, all participating institutes/colleges are directed to treat all Saturdays and Sundays and gazetted holidays as working days, Mr. Prasanna said.

## Clay Ganesha idol making event today

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Rotary Bangalore East (RBE), in collaboration with the Domlur Layout Residents' Welfare Association, is hosting the ninth edition of 'Clay Ganesha Making' event on Saturday. The event, conducted for over eight years, has attracted a large number of participants, including children and senior citizens, eager to craft their eco-friendly Ganesha idols, the RBE said in a release.

# *Kariya* re-release: Darshan in jail but fans celebrate the star on the big screen

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A day after Darshan was shifted to Ballari district prison, fans of the Kannada actor had something to cheer for. Single screens in Bengaluru saw packed crowds as Darshan's blockbuster film *Kariya* was re-released across the State on Friday.

Fans outside Prasanna theatre in Bengaluru where Darshan-starrer *Kariya* was re-released on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

With Darshan in jail for the alleged murder of his fan Renukaswamy from Chitradurga, there is an indefinite delay in his upcoming films. *Kariya*, the directorial debut of Prem of *Jogi* fame, is another film that has jumped onto the bandwagon of re-releasing hit movies.

Despite the murder case tarnishing the actor's reputation, the scenes on the opening day of *Kariya* reiterated the strong fan following enjoyed by Darshan. The film was released in 50 cinemas across Karnataka. Be it any big re-release, the first few days are going to witness a mad rush before the craze dies down, said theatre owners.

Released in 2003, *Kariya* enjoyed a terrific run in theatres, crossing 100 days in many. The gangster film featured 23 real criminals and the gimmick from the makers paid off. *Kariya* is also popular for its songs and fans on Friday danced to the hit number 'Kenchalo manchalo' by C. Ashwath.

Police were deployed at cinemas for early morning shows. Prasanna cinema on Magadi Road here witnessed an uncontrollable crowd for the 10.30 a.m show. One person was detained by the police for creating nuisance.

## Four killed in road accident in Oman

**The Hindu Bureau**
HUBBALLI

Four members of a family with origins in Gokak were killed in a road accident in the Sultanate of Oman recently. They have been identified as Pavankumar Mayappa Tahsildar, Vijaya, Pooja and Adishesh Basavaraj.

# 37 held for using fake marks cards to secure jobs in Water Resources Dept.

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**Apart from the 37 candidates, 11 middlemen have also been arrested**

Officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) of the city police have arrested 37 candidates involved in a fraudulent scheme to secure jobs in the Water Resources Department by submitting counterfeit documents. These arrests follow an investigation into recruitment for vacancies announced in 2022.

During a press briefing, city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said the department had invited online applications in October 2022 for 182 'C' Group II assistant positions. These roles were advertised to address recruitment backlogs. However, a police complaint filed by the department on July 28, 2023, triggered an investigation by the CCB, which uncovered that 62 candidates had submitted fake class 12 marks cards to falsely claim eligibility for these positions.

In addition to the arrests of 37 candidates, the CCB also detained 11 individuals who were part of a network producing counterfeit class 12 marks cards. "The network was involved in fabricating marks cards for second PUC and equivalent exams, such as those conducted by the CBSE and the NIOS. These forged documents were then uploaded online as part of the application process to the Water Resources Department," a CCB official said. The official emphasised that the scam had unfairly deprived genuinely qualified candidates of employment opportunities.

The investigation revealed that the fraudulent candidates hailed from 12 districts across Karnataka. Of the 62 candidates who submitted fake documents, 25 were from Kalaburagi, 12 were from Hassan, three each were from Vijayapura, Bidar, and Yadgir, six from Belagavi, two from Chitradurga, and one each from Kolar, Koppal, Raichur, Ramanagara, and Vijayanagara districts.

"To date, 37 candidates and 11 middlemen have been arrested," the CCB officials confirmed. Among those arrested were three government employees. The police also seized a total of 17 mobile phones, two rings valued at ₹40 lakh, and a computer hard disk from the accused individuals.

**Timings**
**BENGALURU**

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| **SATURDAY, AUG. 31** | |
| RISE 06:08 | SET 18:31 |
| RISE 03:43 | SET 16:53 |
| **SUNDAY, SEP. 01** | |
| RISE 06:09 | SET 18:30 |
| RISE 04:35 | SET 17:34 |
| **MONDAY, SEP. 02** | |
| RISE 06:09 | SET 18:29 |
| RISE 05:25 | SET 18:12 |

| Bengaluru Weather | max | min |
|---|---|---|
| Tumakuru | 30 | 24 |
| Mysuru | 28 | 20 |
| Bengaluru | 27 | 20 |

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**28°C** The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds may occur.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**29°C** Day will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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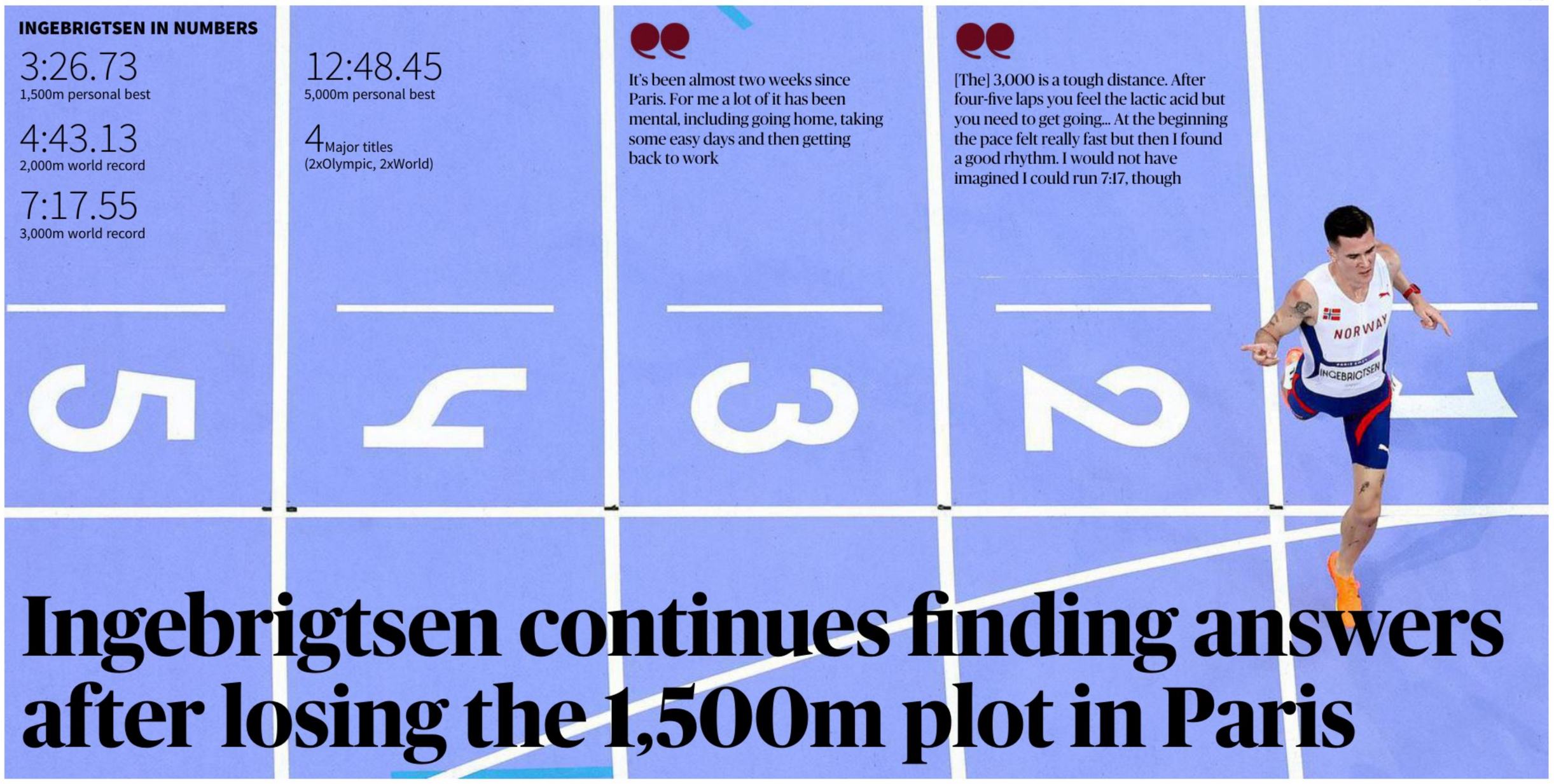


**INGEBRIGTSEN IN NUMBERS**

3:26.73
1,500m personal best

4:43.13
2,000m world record

7:17.55
3,000m world record

12:48.45
5,000m personal best

4 Major titles
(2xOlympic, 2xWorld)

# Ingebrigtsen continues finding answers after losing the 1,500m plot in Paris

The presumptive favourite to defend his Olympic title, the Norwegian flamed out in his favourite event. But he has bounced back in style. After claiming the Olympic 5,000m gold, he has extracted a measure of revenge in the 1,500m and shattered the 3,000m world record

**Reuters**
**Agence France-Presse**

Jakob Ingebrigtsen did not raise too many eyebrows when he declared before Paris 2024 that he was the overwhelming favourite for the 1,500 metres. "If I don't get injured and I don't get sick, I think it's going to be a walk in the park," he said.

Ingebrigtsen has a habit of making grand proclamations. At just 18, he came up with "I don't consider anyone better than me until it's proven", and last year he announced that his "goal is to become the greatest runner of all time".

## Addicted to winning

The Norwegian also walks the talk more often than not. A serial winner, he was seeking to match Briton Sebastian Coe, the only man to claim two Olympic 1,500m titles. When Ingebrigtsen raced to gold in Tokyo, he appeared untouchable in the event.

But nobody, least of all the uber-confident 23-year-old, could have foreseen back-to-back world championship defeats before Paris 2024. The first came in Eugene in 2022, when Britain's Jake Wightman had the temerity to pass him entering the last 200 metres. A year later at the Budapest worlds, Josh Kerr delivered an amazing carbon copy for another British gold.

Ingebrigtsen, who like most elite athletes doesn't digest defeat too well, was drawn into a war of words with Kerr. After coming up short in Budapest, he called Kerr "just the next guy". Kerr later claimed Ingebrigtsen had "major weaknesses" and the Norwegian fired back saying he could beat the Briton "blindfolded".

> It is truly amazing how we as athletes run even faster at almost every competition we participate. Now I want to challenge world records at all distances, but it is one step at a time

As a result, the 1,500m final in Paris, billed as a showdown between Ingebrigtsen and Kerr, was one of the most hotly anticipated races of the Games. Ingebrigtsen, who had strung together an impressive summer streak of 1,500m wins, culminating in a European record run in Monaco, was the odds-on favourite and appeared intent on stamping his authority from the start.

The Norwegian set a scorching pace early, aiming to both destroy his rivals' legs and show them who was boss. But the approach backfired. Cole Hocker, Kerr and Yared Nuguse passed a flagging Ingebrigtsen before the finish, terminating his title defence.

After having lost the plot so spectacularly and being run out of the medals, Ingebrigtsen responded in the best manner possible. He accepted the defeat without offering excuses. "Well, I guess he [Kerr] did show up after all," he wrote on his Instagram page. "Cole Hocker, Yared Nuguse and Josh Kerr outsmarted me. They were 'the best guys' when it really mattered. And I want to congratulate them all on a great performance."

## Instant amends

Ingebrigtsen then turned his attention to the 5,000 metres, determined to make immediate amends. He won Olympic gold with a fierce final lap, adding to his two world titles over the distance, and earning himself some redemption. He became the third man in history, after Paavo Nurmi and Hicham El Guerrouj, to win Olympic titles in both the 1,500 and 5,000m. Nurmi (1924) and El Guerrouj (2004), however, achieved the feat at the same Games.

But Ingebrigtsen wasn't satisfied; the 1,500m defeat at the Olympics still rankled. Last week's Lausanne Diamond League offered an opportunity to extract a small measure of revenge, given that he would race Hocker again. Ingebrigtsen duly regained his authority over the distance, beating the reigning Olympic champion by more than two seconds.

Ingebrigtsen accelerated to the front after the initial pace-setters faded, with a couple of American runners on his coattails. He led going through the bell for the final lap, Hocker tried to respond at the 150m mark, but this time there was no catching the Norwegian, who had stayed sensible in the early running. The 3:27.83s in balmy conditions was a far cry from his personal best 3:26.73, but it answered the questions Ingebrigtsen had been grappling with.

"It's been almost two weeks since Paris so there was plenty of time to recover," said Ingebrigtsen. "For me a lot of it has been mental, including going home, taking some easy days and then getting back to work. Tonight's race gave me good answers and I'm looking forward to building on this for my next race and the rest of the season."

Ingebrigtsen did build on the win days later, shattering the decades-old 3,000 metres world record by more than three seconds at the Chorzow Diamond League meeting. He finished in seven minutes 17.55 seconds, erasing the 1996 record set by Kenya's Daniel Komen (7:20.67). It was the longest-standing men's athletics world record in individual track events.

The 23-year-old was in shock when he crossed the line and looked at his time, putting his hands on his head in disbelief.

> [The] 3,000 is a tough distance. After four-five laps you feel the lactic acid but you need to get going... At the beginning the pace felt really fast but then I found a good rhythm. I would not have imagined I could run 7:17, though

"It feels special, amazing. Based on my training, I can never predict exactly what kind of time I am capable of," he said. "I would not have imagined I could run 7:17, though. At the beginning the pace felt really fast but then I started to feel my way into the race and found a good rhythm. [The] 3,000 is a tough distance. After four-five laps you feel the lactic acid but you need to get going. The conditions were difficult with the heat but it is the same for everyone."

## Hunting world records

Last September, Ingebrigtsen had smashed a 24-year-old world record in the rarely run 2,000 metres by more than a second, finishing in 4 minutes, 43.13 seconds at a Diamond League meet in Brussels. "It's always fun to break a record but, to be honest, it wasn't difficult for me to break this one," he had said then.

The ambitious Ingebrigtsen has other world records in his sights as well, and science suggests he has what it takes to launch assaults on the best marks of all time. A study published in the journal *Frontiers in Sports and Active Living*, based on performance data gathered from elite athletes, claimed that Ingebrigtsen's ability to quickly reach his maximum oxygen consumption (VO2) and maintain it through a race explained his dominance in the middle distances.

This particularity allows the Olympic champion "to run at a greater pace than his competitors throughout the race, even though we see him start less strongly," said Amandine Aftalion, co-author of the study.

Ingebrigtsen tempered his tendency to make sweeping pronouncements, but only slightly. "It is truly amazing how we as athletes develop ourselves and we run even faster at almost every competition we participate," he said. "Now I want to challenge world records at all distances, but it is one step at a time."

## GAME THEORY

### The US Open's greatest champions

With the year's fourth and final tennis Major, the US Open, set to enter its business end, we take a look at the players with the most singles titles in the tournament's history. The inaugural edition, featuring only men, was held in 1881. The first women's edition was staged in 1887. The tournament was limited to amateurs until 1968, when the Open Era began and professionals were allowed in

**MOST SINGLES TITLES: WOMEN**

| Player | Titles | Years |
|---|---|---|
| Molla Mallory | 8 | 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1926 |
| Helen Wills | 7 | 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931 |
| Chris Evert | 6 | 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982 |
| Serena Williams | 6 | 1999, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014 |
| Margaret Court | 5 | 1962, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1973 |
| Steffi Graf | 5 | 1988, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1996 |
| Elisabeth Moore | 4 | 1896, 1901, 1903, 1905 |
| Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman | 4 | 1909, 1910, 1911, 1919 |
| Helen Jacobs | 4 | 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 |
| Alice Marble | 4 | 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940 |
| Pauline Betz | 4 | 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946 |
| Maria Bueno | 4 | 1959, 1963, 1964, 1966 |
| Billie Jean King | 4 | 1967, 1971, 1972, 1974 |
| Martina Navratilova | 4 | 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987 |

**MOST SINGLES TITLES: MEN**

| Player | Titles | Years |
|---|---|---|
| Richard Sears | 7 | 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 |
| William Larned | 7 | 1901, 1902, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911 |
| Bill Tilden | 7 | 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1929 |
| Jimmy Connors | 5 | 1974, 1976, 1978, 1982, 1983 |
| Pete Sampras | 5 | 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2002 |
| Roger Federer | 5 | 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 |
| Robert Wrenn | 4 | 1893, 1894, 1896, 1897 |
| John McEnroe | 4 | 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984 |
| Rafael Nadal | 4 | 2010, 2013, 2017, 2019 |
| Novak Djokovic | 4 | 2011, 2015, 2018, 2023 |
| Oliver Campbell | 3 | 1890, 1891, 1892 |
| Malcolm Whitman | 3 | 1898, 1899, 1900 |
| Fred Perry | 3 | 1933, 1934, 1936 |
| Ivan Lendl | 3 | 1985, 1986, 1987 |

SOURCE: US OPEN

## PICTURE THIS

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### Not a tightrope

Athletes compete in a high-altitude slackline competition at China's Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, in this photograph.

Slacklining involves walking or running along a length of flat webbing suspended between two anchors, most commonly trees. Although it looks like a tightrope, slacklines — made of nylon or polyester — have significantly less tension and stretch and bounce, behaving in essence like a narrow trampoline.

Slacklining's roots are often traced to California's Yosemite National Park, where rock climbers used bouncy lines to improve their skills.

An independent sport with several disciplines and championships, slacklining also serves as a balance training aid in competitive sport, exercise and physiotherapy.

High-altitude slacklining or highlining demands a calm approach and discipline. A lot of attention is paid to safety.

Highliners double up the webbing with a safety system (a rope or another webbing), and attach themselves to both with a harness, a leash and a ring. As a result, falls involve small, protected swings in open air.

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Date: 30.08.2024 Place: Bengaluru

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my Clients are in the process of conducting due diligence on the title of the immovable property morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and intends to purchase the same belonging to Smt. Jaya Murthy W/o Sri. S A Narasimha Murthy. Any person having any claims, interest or objections for the proposed Sale can send their objections with all supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of 7 days from this day, failing which my client would proceed with the transaction as if no such claims exists and conclude the proposed sale transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that Piece and Parcel of immovable property Site No. 1256, formed by the 'Writers' and 'Artists' House Building Co-Operative Society Limited'situated at Vishwabharathi Housing Complex Layout – Avalahalli, BSK III Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore, presently coming under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.54 Srinivas Nagar (New no 162 Girinagar) extension assigned with PID No. 54-230-1256, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded by:

**East by:** 30 Feet Road,
**West by:**Site No.1273
**North by:**Site No.1257,
**South by:**Site No.1255

Sd/- **SHILPA V HATTI**,
ADVOCATE
No. 43, II Floor, AGB Layout 2nd Stage, 5th Cross, Maruthinagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore -560 096. (M) :79960 37016

## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

**Office of the Executive Engineer,** Basavanagudi Division Office BBMP building, Chennamanakere Achchukattu, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3d stage, Bangalore-85

**No.E.E/(BG)/e-proc/02/2024-25** **Date: 30.08.2024**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOTIFICATION**
**(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)**
**SINGLE TENDER SYSTEM**

The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division BBMP, invites tenders on behalf of the Zonal commissioner, South Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible candidates for the Operation & maintenance of RO plants in Basavanagudi Constituency(16 Plants). The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2.** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **17.30 hours on 13.09.2024** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **3.** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work/EMD amount in Rs. |
|---|---|
| 1 | Operation and Mainteinance of RO Plants in Basavanagudi Constituency (16 Nos) EMD (in Rupees): **Rs 6,87,000/-** (Rs 1,00,000/- through e-portal and Rs 5,87,000/- through Bank Guarantee/DD in favor of EE Basavanagudi). |

**Calendar of events:**
**1.**Pre bid meeting will be held at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi Division) **06.09.2024 at 4.00 P.M.**
**2.** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is : **13.09.2024 up to 5.30 P.M**
3. Bid opening date: **17.09.2024 at 11.00 AM.**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BBMP.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
**ಪಂ. ರಾ. ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ – ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ**

ಸಂ:ಕಾ.ಇಂ/ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ./ಎಇ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/05/643/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28–08–2024

**ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ವೇದಿಕೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3 ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

| ಕ್ರ ಸಂ. | ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು | ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | ಸೋಮವಾರಪೇಟೆ ತಾ; ನ 5054–ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ : 09/24–25 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 8151 | 75.00 |
| 2. | ಸೋಮವಾರಪೇಟೆ ತಾ; ನ 5054–ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ : 17/24–25 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 8154 | 97.00 |

ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17–09–2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18–09–2024 ಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

## कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
## ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज ।

पत्रांक.....दिनांक.....

प्रेष विज्ञप्ति

PR NO.-333576

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज के अधीन अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा सूचना संख्या–01RIII/ 2024–25/EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ, दिनांक 23.08.2024 के द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा में क्रमांक

3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 02.09.2024 up to 5.00 PM के स्थान पर
तिथि एवं समय : 04.09.2024 to 5.00PM
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 04.08.2024 पूर्वाह्न 3.30 बजे के स्थान पर तिथि एवं समय : 06.09.2024 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे पढ़ा जाए ।

शेष नियम एवं शर्ते यथावत रहेगा ।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग,
कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज ।

PR 334138 Rural Development(24-25)D

# Advocate who claimed to have multiple 'sex CDs' held in 2022 case

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Advocate K.N. Jagadish, who over the last three days claimed to have "sex CDs" of a former Chief Minister of Karnataka and a prominent seer in the State, was arrested by the city police on Thursday in a case that dates back to 2022. He was produced before a city court on Friday which granted him bail.

The arrest came hours after Mr. Jagadish posted a video on social media claiming he had been approached by a delegation of sex workers who had secretly recorded Karnataka police officials harassing them over the past three years and that they had a total of 9,000 such sex clips. He had sought protection to submit these videos to the Chief Minister. Following his videos, a former Chief Minister sought an injunction order against media houses restricting them from airing any derogatory content. While Mr. Jagadish has made claims of being in possession of several "sex CDs", he has not released any.

Police sources said the court had issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against him as he did not appear before the court in connection with the case registered against him under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, in 2022, despite issuing multiple summons. "We did not know about his whereabouts. But after he uploaded these videos, we tracked him down to Goa through technical analysis. Of late, he had been based out of Goa. A team went to Goa, secured him and executed the NBW," a senior official said.

## KARNATAKA RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY

**(A Government of Karnataka Institutions)**
No.8, MSB - 01, 6th & 7th Floor, Cunningham Road, Bangalore-560 052. Tel: 080-22283366, Fax: 080-22262288

No: KREIS/AEE-1/Tender-12/2024-25 Date: 30.08.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through E- Procurement Only)**

The tenders have been invited for Construction of BC Hostel, Construction of Compound wall, Providing Borewell, Repair/Electrical Repair works in various Districts of KREIS **(Tender Indent No. 24/call- 3, 70/call-3, 82/call-3, 178/call-2, 179/call-2, 181/call-2, 182/call-2 189/call-2, 196/call-2, 198/call-2, 200/call-2, 218/call-2, 220/call-2, 223/call-2, 227/call-2, 236/call-2, 241/call-2, 242/call- 3, 243/call-2, 244/call-3, 247/call-2, 248/call-2, 250/call-2, 251/call-2, 252/call-2, 254/call-2, 256/call-2, 257/call-2, 258/call- 2, 261/call-2, 262/call-2, 265/call-2, 287/call-2, 326/call-2)** through e-Portal vide website: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **30.08.2024**. The last date for receipt of tender is **13.09.2024**. The details may be viewed at above website.

**Note:** Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-procurement portal only.

**Sd/-**
**Assistant Executive Engineer, KREIS**

DIPR/CP/1750/Zen/2024-25

## TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHIKODI

**Dist : Belagavi.**

**No. : T.M.C./C.K.D./15th F./2024-25** **Date : 29-08-2024**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)**
**(Notice inviting tender through KPPP Portal)**

**Town Municipal Council Chikodi** invites tender for Civil license contractors in KW - 3 Document for work under 2024-25 15th Finance Grant and MRF (SBM - 2.0) **1) Indent No : 24051/Call-3, Rs. 63.00 Lakh, 2) Indent No : 19609/Call-2, Rs. 39.00. Work Period 03 Month.**

**Details : 1) Last Date & Time for Tender Document Download : 28-08-2024, 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : 04-09-2024 @ 4.00 p.m., 3) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 06-09-2024 @ 5.00 p.m., 4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 09.09.2024 @ 11.00 a.m., 5) Number of Days to Extend : 02 Days.**

Above tender work details are in available **KPPP Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and **TMC Website : www.chikoditown.mrc.gov.in**

**Sd/- Chief Officer,**
**Town Municipal Council Chikodi.**

DIPR/Belagavi/716/Manipal/2024-25

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to acquire the properties described in the **Schedule** below ("**Schedule Properties**") which are owned by the persons specified in the Schedule below ("**Owners**"). The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of their respective portions of the Schedule Properties having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Any person, including any individuals, corporate bodies, partnership firms, banks, other lenders and government bodies, having any manner of right, title, interest, claim, benefit or demand in the Schedule Properties or any portion thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, charge, lien, possession, assignment, attachment, exchange, gift or in any other manner, is hereby called upon to intimate their objections and/or claims in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice. If no such objection or claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the Owners, has any right, interest or claim in or in relation to the Schedule Properties and all rights, interests and claims, if any, which are not notified as stated above shall be waived and the title of the Owners to the Schedule Properties shall be treated as clear and marketable.

**Schedule**

All that pieces and parcels of the following lands totally measuring 10 Acres 10 Guntas situated at Tarabahalli Village and Gonurukoppa Village, Lakkuru Hobli, Maluru Taluk, Kolar District:

| Sl No. | Survey Nos. | Acres | Guntas | Boundaries East | West | North | South | Village | Holders |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 61/1 | 1 | 2 | Tarabahalli Road | The land bearing Survey No. 62 | Gonurukoppa Village Boundary and the land bearing Survey No.59/p9 of Gonurukoppa Village | The land bearing Survey Nos. 60 and 32p | Tarabahalli | Mr. M. Mukunda (son of Late Mr. M. Munireddy) |
| 2. | 62 | 2 | 0 | The land bearing Survey Nos. 61/1 and 60 | The land bearing Survey No. 63 | The land bearing Survey No. 32p | The land bearing Survey No. 69 | Tarabahalli | |
| 3. | 63 | 2 | 0 | The land bearing Survey No. 62 | The land bearing Survey Nos. 64 and 66 | The land bearing Survey No. 32p | The land bearing Survey No. 69 | Tarabahalli | Mr. Bhupal Reddy (son of Late Mr. M.Munireddy) |
| 4. | 64 | 2 | 34 | The land bearing Survey Nos. 63 and 69 | The land bearing Survey No. 32/p14 | The land bearing Survey Nos. 66, 32/p14 and 63 | The land Survey No. 32/p14 | Tarabahalli | Mr. M. Mukunda and Mr. Bhupal Reddy |
| 5. | 115/1 | 0 | 34 | Road | The land bearing Survey No. 66 | The land bearing Survey No. 115/2 | The land bearing Survey No. 115/3 | Gonurukoppa | Mr. M. Bhupal Reddy |
| 6. | 115/3 | 1 | 20 | Road and the land bearing Survey No. 59/p9 | The land bearing Survey No. 66 | The land bearing Survey No. 115/1 | The land bearing Survey No. 32p | Gonurukoppa | Mr. M. Mukunda |

**Signed/-**
**R Vasudev / B S Raghavi**
**Magnah Law Partners**
No. 1/24, Hanumanthappa Layout
Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560 042
Phone No. 080-46462424
Email id: raghavi.bs@magnahlaw.com

**Date:** August 31, 2024

## MYSURU CITY CORPORATION, MYSURU

Office of the Executive Engineer (Electrical Division), Mysuru- 570020.
Email: eeelectricalmcc@gmail.com

**No.:** MCC/EE-ELE/TN-09/2024-25 **Date:** 29.08.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION - 09**
**(Through Karnataka Public-Procurement Portal Only)**

Tenders are invited through Karnataka Public-Procurement portal for the works under General Fund: 2023-24 grant as required from **Executive Engineer (Electrical) of the Mysuru City Corporation.** Details are as follows:

| Sl. No. | Description | Total Works | Tender Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) | Date of Publishing on E-Procurement Portal | Last Date for Submission of Bids | Tender/Technical Bid Opening Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Executive Engineer (Electrical) | 10 | 90.75 | 29.08.2024 | 05.09.2024 | 06.09.2024 |

**Note:** Any further Changes/Notifications will be published only through Karnataka Public-Procurement portal only and will not release any paper notification.

**Sd/-Executive Engineer (Electrical)**
**Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru**

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/493/2024-25

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL MEN that, my client, Sri. Arunkumar S, s/o C N Shivalingaiah, aged about 62 years, r/at No.672, 29th Main Road, BTM II Stage, Kuvempunagar, Bengaluru-560 076, intend to purchase the property which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder from K. Ravindra Aithal. K, s/o K. Seetharam Aithal, aged about 57 years, r/at No.506, 6th Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru-560 086.

Any person/Govt./Banks/Local Bodies claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client or his counsel, in writing within 07 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Property, i.e. BDA Site No.3291, 6th Block, Sir M. Visweshwaraiah Layout, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 24.00 meters and North to South: 15.00 meters, totally measuring 360 square meters and is bounded on:

On or towards East by : Road, On or towards West by : Site No.3263 & 3264, On or towards North by : Private Property, On or towards South by : Site No.3292.

**G.R. GANGADHARA**, Advocate
# 431, 2nd Floor, Alankar Pearl Plaza, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: +91 9740296679
Email:grgangadhara@gmail.com
Place : Bengaluru, Date : 29.08.2024

## KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD, KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI

**Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,**
"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi – 585105.
Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com

No. KWB/CE(K)/TEC/WS/SIRGUPPA-15th FINANCE/2024-25/604 Date: 29-08-2024.

**-: NOTICE INVITING TENDER – 2nd Call :-**

1) Name and description of work: Construction of 5.00LL RCC OHT (Shaft Type) over 15 Mtr Staging behind Vijayamery school of Sy.No.426/A in Siruguppa city under DC works with CMC Siruguppa (15th finance general grants for the year 2020-21) (Lumpsum) **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB/2024-25 / WT / WORK_INDENT248)**, 2) Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakh) (Excluding GST) : **106.10,** 3) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount (Rs.in Lakhs): **2.00,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor : Eligible Contractors, 5) Period of completion including monsoon in months: 09 Months (Eighteen), 6) Date and Time for commencement of downloading of tender documents from the e-procurement portal: **30-08-2024 after 12:30 Hours,** 7) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **13-09-2024 at 11:30 Hours,** 8) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **30-09-2024 Up to 17:30 Hours,** 9) Date and Time for Opening of Tender: **03-10-2024 After 11:00 Hours,** 10) Addl. information: Chief Engineer Office, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, "Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi – 585105.Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 11) Address of E-portail: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Chief Engineer**
**KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi**

DIPR/Kalaburagi/390/KSMC&A/2024-25

## Government of Karnataka
## Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari

Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

**No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-5/2024-25/2232** **Dated : 28-08-2024**

**Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)**

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department, Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the website https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

| Sl No | Details of Works | Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1) | PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14959 | 650.00 |
| 2) | PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14954 | 700.00 |
| 3) | PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14957 | 150.00 |
| 4) | PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14925 | 450.00 |
| 5) | PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14956 | 250.00 |
| 6) | PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT15024 | 490.00 |

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper in this regard.

1) Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works **30-08-2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2) Last dates for queries (through KP-Procurement Portal **31-09-2024 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3) Last date for submission of tenders through KP-Procurement Portal **04-09-2024 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4) Date and time of opening of Bids **05-09-2024 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**PWD Division, Ballari.**

**DIPR/Ballari/398/KSMCA/2024-25**

## THE FEDERAL BANK LIMITED

***Regd. Office: Aluva, Kerala.***

**ZONAL OFFICE: 1st Floor, Halcyon Complex, No.9, St Marks Road, Bangalore-560 001.**
**e-mail: bgrr-cpc@federalbank.co.in Phone: 080-22074610/604/613/624/625**

**BGRR/PvtSale/2024-25** **29/08/2024**

**NOTICE FOR PRIVATE SALE OF GOLD**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold Ornaments pledged in the following Gold Loan accounts, with the under mentioned Branches of the Bank, which are overdue for redemption and which have not been regularized so far in spite of repeated notices, will be put for Private sale, in the respective Branches on any date after 10-09-2024 as shown below:

**Br. Bidadi: Site No. 342/370, Nelligudda Tank Road, Bidadi, Ramanagara, Karnataka- 562 109 Ph No. 080-27282383 :-**
16706400078972,16706400070037,16706400072249,16706400058891,16706400059550,16706400080127,16706400080457,16706400080432,16706400080796,16706400081042,16706400065904,16706400081398,16706400084053,16706400070847.

**Br. Bangalore/Basavanagudi: 20/1, Ground Floor, Shri Mallikarjuna Nilaya, Prof.B S Madhava Rao Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560 004, Ph No.08026571530 :-**13186400023562,13186400023679,13186400023687,13186400023711,13186400023794,13186400023802,13186400023810,13186400023828,13186400023844,13186400023851,13186400023869,13186400023885,13186400024628,13186100184631,13186100185935,13186100190752,13186400020907,13186400020915.

**Br. Bangalore/Jaya Nagar: K M Plaza, Kanakapura Main Road, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 082,Ph No. 080-26655558 :-**
13876500010507,13876400077986,13876400090542,13876100386729,13876500010432,13876400076624,13876400087738,13876100386984,13876500010150,13876400092647,13876400086888,13876400091060,13876400084230,13876400092639,13876400086862,13876400090989,13876400084222,13876400092621,13876400086748,13876400090971.13876400084099,13876400092613,13876400089213,13876400083885,13876400092381,13876400088579, 3876400082176,13876400090617,13876400088413,13876400078349,13876400090591,13876400088348,13876400077994,13876400090583,13876400082481.

**Br. Bangalore/Koramangala: No. 7, Maruthi Arcade, 20th Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore- 560 095, Ph No. 080-25717733 :-**
14376400040109,14376400031249,14376400038269.

**Br.Bangalore/Marathahalli: No.43, Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037, Ph No. 080-25400111:-**
14546100135801,14546400036485,14546400043408,14546400039638,14546400035826,14546400035925,14546500002783,14546400044752,14546400026551,14546400035057,14546400030082,14546400042392.

**Br. Bannergatta: Limra Towers, Kemmanaikanahalli, Bannergatta, Bangalore Urban-560 083. Ph No. 080 27828224 :-**
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## Woman arrested, hydro ganja valued at ₹25 lakh seized

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch police on Friday arrested a woman who was misusing the post office to import hydro ganja from Thailand.

They recovered 570 grams of narcotics valued at ₹25 lakh from her.

Lijina Suresh, 28, a native of Kerala had come to Bengaluru in 2018 after marrying Shamir and has been importing ganja since then, the police said. She was living at Konappana Agrahara in Electronics City.

Sahad alias Kutta, a friend of the accused and who was living in Thailand, used to send hydro ganja through India Post to Lijina. With her help, he was peddling drugs here and earning money, according to the police.

**Search on**

A team of officials of the Narcotics Control Bureau arrested the woman in Bellandur police station limits and booked her under the provisions of the NDPS Act. A search is on for Sahad, a native of Kerala, who is absconding.

# Automated testing centres for vehicle fitness checks to be set up in State

'This represents a big shift in how a vehicle's roadworthiness and safety are ensured'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The automated testing stations are expected to modernise and bring in more transparency in vehicle fitness checks.
FILE PHOTO

To modernise and bring in more transparency in vehicle fitness checks, the Transport Department will establish automated testing stations (ATS) across the State. These stations will replace the traditional manual checks conducted at the Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) with a more technology-driven approach.

**From October**

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said the vehicles coming for fitness renewal would have to be mandatorily inspected by the automated testing stations from October.

"The automatic vehicle testing centres are being set up on the design, build, finance, operate, and transfer model at 13 places where land is available – Devanahalli, Tumakuru, Kolar, Shivamogga, Davangere, Belagavi, Gadag, Ranebennur, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Ballari, Bidar, and Yadgiri," he said.

Apart from this, automated vehicle testing centres on build-own-operate (BOO) model are also being set up at 19 locations – Bengaluru East, West, South, and Central, Chickballapur, Ramanagara, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Madikeri, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru, Uttara Kannada, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Koppal, and Hosapete, according to Mr. Reddy.

A Transport Department official said that this represents a significant shift in how a vehicle's roadworthiness and safety are ensured in Karnataka. By automating the fitness testing process, human errors and subjectivity are eliminated, with transparency and accountability being prioritised. "The ATS is being constructed according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The ATS is a facility designed for testing the fitness of vehicles without any manual intervention. Citizens can have their vehicles tested at any ATS and receive a fitness certificate, which is valid across India," officials explained.

Officials further said that the ATSs use the latest equipment to conduct fitness tests on vehicles in an automated and scientific manner. Machine-based testing enhances transparency and objectivity, eliminating the discretion that often occurs in manual testing at the RTO level by motor vehicle inspectors. The ATSs also keep records of visual checks, conceal individual test results until the final report is generated, and undergo regular audits every six months.

# With many translation bloopers in question paper, pressure mounts on KPSC to conduct re-exam

**Jayanth R.**
BENGALURU

There has been an outrage against the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) for poor and erroneous translation of questions from English to Kannada, leading to confusion among Kannada-medium students, in the question papers of preliminary examination conducted on August 27 for filling 350 gazetted probationary officer posts in the State. There is now a demand for re-examination.

Many including writers Kum. Veerabhadrappa, L.N. Mukundaraj, and president of the Kannada Sahitya Academy Nagathalli Chandrasekhar, and film personalities such as B.M. Giriraj and Kaviraj have expressed solidarity with the issue.

Organisations such as the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike have sought a re-exam. Kannada Development Authority chairperson Purushottama Bilimale has written to the Secretary of the KPSC and sought a detailed report in this regard. On social media platforms, #KPSC_Mosa #KASReExam were trending.

While many have expressed suspicion that the use of artificial intelligence tools for translation had led to such mistranslation, rendering many questions unintelligible, the KPSC has denied it and said that it was done by translators assigned by the Translation Department at the commission.

T.A. Narayana Gowda, State president of the vedike, said the exam conducted by the KPSC was "grossly unfair to the students of Kannada medium". About 1.3 lakh students appeared for the exam and more than one lakh of them are Kannada-medium students and from rural background. "There were many among the 60 questions (120 marks) which were beyond comprehension," he said.

"To begin with, it is unscientific to first prepare the question paper in English and then translate it into Kannada while conducting the exam in Karnataka. The question paper of any exam held in Karnataka should be set in Kannada first. The government should conduct a re-examination and blunders in the earlier examination should be investigated and strict action taken against the officials responsible," he said.

Concurring with this, Mr. Bilimale said, "Kannada is the sovereign and administrative language of Karnataka. So questions need to be set in Kannada and then translated into English."

## Painting and music contests today

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As part of the 43rd 'Vinayakotsava', Sri Vinayaka Mitra Mandali Trust (SVMMT) is hosting a painting competition at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday and a music competition at 4.30 p.m.

Children aged up to 15 years can participate in the competitions.

The competitions will be held on the SVMMT's premises on 1st 'A' Main Road, 8th Block, Jayanagar. For details, email to svmmblre@yahoo.co.in.

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# Smart homes of today

Cutting-edge technology is set to redefine home automation, with security devices and AI systems becoming strategic investment

Reeza Sebastian Karimpanal

Smart homes have taken the real estate industry by storm, emerging as a critical element influencing property values and buyer preferences. Driven largely by demand from tech-savvy Gen Z and millennial homebuyers, what was once a luxury has now become a strategic investment, significantly enhancing both the appeal and market value of homes.

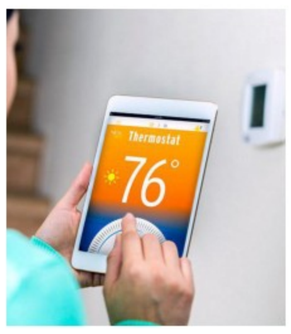
In India, the smart home revolution has transformed traditional living spaces with cutting-edge technology, promising greater convenience and efficiency. The dream of a futuristic home is becoming a reality as automated lighting, sophisticated security systems, and smart appliances become more prevalent. With the rapid adoption of smart technology, it is essential to evaluate its impact, address potential challenges, and consider its future trajectory. According to a recent industry report, smart home devices in India have seen a significant growth, reaching 8-10% as of 2023. The report estimates the smart home market at approximately ₹90,000 crore in 2023, with expectations for it to expand to ₹1,40,000 crore by 2028. In particular, security devices are anticipated to experience rapid growth, with around a 14% market share in the next four years.

User hand reaches out to touch the network icon smart home technology to connect the system to home appliances control and turn on/off even monitoring home by CCTV camera. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

## Latest in tech

Several cutting-edge smart home technologies are poised to redefine home automation. These innovations not only enhance the functionality of homes but also play a crucial role in boosting property values. Property developers are going the extra mile to bring A-class home automation technologies to their homebuyers.

## From thermostats to voice assistants




Smart thermostats adjust heating and cooling based on user preferences and behaviour. Furthermore, they can be controlled remotely through smartphone apps. Their energy-saving capabilities can significantly reduce utility bills, making them a valuable feature for prospective buyers. In response to market demand, electronics brands are bringing in the latest devices and models.

Smart lighting devices help to manage lighting intensity, colour, and schedules from their smartphones or via voice commands. They can create personalised lighting scenes, enhance home security by simulating occupancy, and reduce energy consumption. The combination of aesthetic appeal and practical benefits makes smart lighting very inviting to tech-savvy buyers.

For many buyers, home security is a top priority. Smart security systems offer advanced solutions to meet this need. Devices such as video doorbells, security cameras, and smart locks provide real-time monitoring, remote access, and instant alerts. Integration with smart home hubs ensures seamless control and monitoring, further enhancing the attractiveness of the property.

Modern smart appliances, including refrigerators, ovens, and washing machines, offer unparalleled convenience and efficiency. These appliances can be controlled remotely, provide maintenance alerts, and even suggest recipes based on available ingredients. Their advanced features not only improve home functionality but also captivate buyers looking for connected, modern living spaces.

Voice technology has become central to the smart home experience. Voice-enabled devices manage other smart home devices, offer information, and automate routines. Smart hubs, which integrate various smart home devices into a single control system, enhance the user experience by providing centralised control and automation capabilities. Together, these technologies are transforming the home automation landscape, offering both enhanced convenience and increased property value.

## Tips to maintain

Maintaining a smart home for optimum results involves several key practices. The most effective measure is to regularly update passwords across all devices and applications controlling the smart home, ensuring robust security with options like multi-factor authentication. Additionally, the software on the devices should be updated on a regular basis to ensure they function seamlessly. Incorporating maintenance features during initial installation, such as power conditioners and uninterrupted power supplies (UPS), which protect against power surges and ensure uninterrupted operation, is key. Furthermore, regular servicing of devices is vital to keeping them healthy and in effective working condition. Smart homes represent a significant shift towards sustainable and efficient living, driven by technological innovation. By carefully selecting appliances that meet individual demands while embracing advancements in smart home technology, homeowners can truly optimise their living spaces for the future. While managing a smart home may seem a bit laborious, the benefits in terms of security and convenience are beyond the effort.

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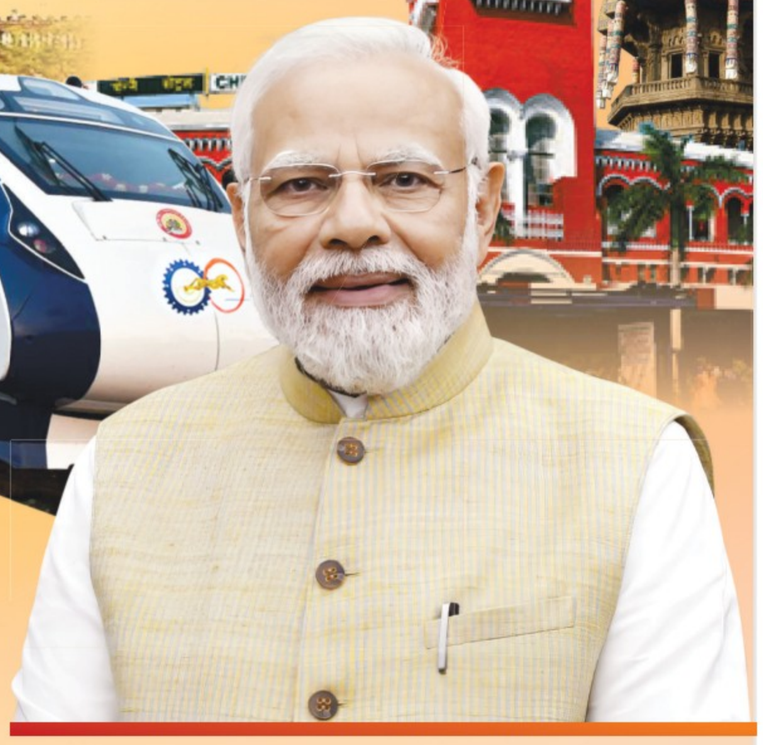

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# Delhi parleys between allies fail to break the ice as Yogeshwar's moves anger JD(S)

BJP-JD(S) leaders are expected to hold more rounds of talks to arrive at a consensus on the choice of candidate

CHANNAPATNA BYPOLL

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In anticipation that the byelections may be declared soon for Channapatna, Shiggaon, and Sandur Assembly constituencies, hectic parleys are on between the Janata Dal (Secular) and the BJP, NDA constituents, for the politically-hot Channapatna seat.

With C.P. Yogeshwar, BJP MLC who has in the past represented Channapatna constituency five times, remaining adamant to contest, seat sharing between the two parties has become complicated. The seat fell vacant after the resignation of former Chief Minister H.D Kumaraswamy, who was elected to Lok Sabha from Mandya following which he was inducted into the Union Cabinet.

BJP leaders led by R. Ashok with party national president J.P. Nadda in New Delhi on Friday.

**Seat held by JD(S)**

JD(S) sources said the party had been asking for the seat since it had held the seat. "A meeting of the BJP and the JD(S) leaders took place at the residence of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Thursday evening in Delhi. No headway could be made. There will be more meetings. We are expecting the elections to be declared in less than a fortnight," said a source.

JD(S) Channapatna taluk president Jayamuthu is being touted as a possible candidate, and Nikhil Kumaraswamy is most likely to step away from the contest, the source said.

JD(S) party sources said that Mr. Kumaraswamy has so far refused to meet Mr. Yogeshwar though BJP leaders have made efforts to bring them to the table in Delhi since Thursday. "Mr. Kumaraswamy is upset with the way Mr. Yogeshwar has behaved publicly. The JD(S)' assessment is that despite the two parties being together, the Congress managed to get far more votes from Channapatna segment in the Lok Sabha elections than what the party polled in Assembly elections. Mr. Yogeshwar did not succeed in wielding his influence to get the BJP candidate the votes, JD(S) feels."

Mr. Yogeshwar's public statement that he was open to contest as an Independent has not gone down well with the top leadership of both the parties. In fact, Mr. Kumaraswamy left for Bengaluru on Friday night even though Mr. Yogeshwar and the BJP leaders are still camping there.

The source, however, conceded that if Mr. Yogeshwar contests as an Independent, the situation could get complicated since he has his own clout in the taluk as a localite. It is a prestige issue for the JD (S) ever since Mr. Yogeshwar publicly indicated that he would not mind contesting as an Independent.

**Meeting in Delhi**

On Friday, the delegation of BJP State leaders led by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok took Mr. Yogeshwar to party national president J.P. Nadda.

The State leaders are also concerned that any rebellion by Mr. Yogeshwar would show them in poor light.

While the Congress led by KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar has upped the ante in Channapatna with many manoeuvers in recent weeks, the NDA feels that it can comfortably sail through if there is a consensus candidate.

# 'No matter who the contestant is, it's a vote for me in Channapatna'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at a Udyog Mela held at Channapatna on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Emulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's style of seeking votes in his name irrespective of the contestant in a constituency, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar told the voters of Channapatna that it will be a vote for him no matter who contests the byelection from the Congress.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on Friday, he said, "I am the one who issues 'B' form, and I am the signatory for it. Hence, it is a vote for me no matter who contests."

As the election date is yet to be announced, the party has not yet finalised the candidate in the constituency.

Asked about the alliance between BJP and JD(S) for the bypoll, he said: "It does not matter who joins hands with whom. We are serving the people, and they will make the right decision."

Replying to a query on whether he would welcome former Minister C.P. Yogeshwar if he showed willingness to join the Congress, the KPCC chief said:

"No one has come to me, and there is nothing on the table."

A few days ago, Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Yogeshwar shared the dais and were seen engaged in a discussion. Mr. Yogeshwar had said that he would contest as an Independent candidate if the BJP does not give him ticket.

Asked if a job fair was being held in Channapatna in view of the byelection, he said: "The people have given us an opportunity to serve them. We will do everything in our capacity to serve them. We have organised a job fair to provide jobs to youth of this region. We are making an honest attempt. Let's see how it pans out."

The Deputy Chief Minister said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot had given an appointment to him and other party leaders on Saturday to submit an appeal seeking permission for prosecution of Union Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in the alleged mining lease case, and BJP leaders, including former industries Minister Murugesh Nirani.

Earlier this week, Mr. Shivakumar met the Governor at a private programme in Bengaluru. "The Governor has given us time. We will submit an appeal," Mr. Shivakumar told reporters in Bengaluru.

The Congress had decided to organise a procession to Raj Bhavan on Saturday to put pressure on the Governor to grant permission for prosecution of Mr. Kumaraswamy and the BJP leaders.

# JD(S) echoes Congress in asking 16th FC to rethink criteria on devolution of funds

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Opposition JD(S), a constituent of BJP-led NDA, has joined the Karnataka government in urging the 16th Finance Commission to relook into the criteria and weightage in devolution of funds to States.

It has said that the State should be adequately rewarded by taking into consideration achievements in health, population control, education, forest and ecology, and tax and fiscal efforts to sustain growth and development.

**'Disaster' to State**

The State government pitched for changes in criteria to add the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and bring amendments to Constitution to bring cess/surcharges under the divisible pool.

A delegation of the regional party that met the panel said that the criteria and weightage for horizontal devolution followed currently is a "disaster" to the State that has over the decades done extremely well in areas relating population control, and better outcomes in education and health, including better nutrition outcome.

The current criteria and weightages adopted had led to shortfall in the State's share of Central taxes, it has said. The GST regime has not seen tax growth on expected lines and stoppage of GST compensation has further aggravated the fiscal and financial position. These have led to shrinking share of devolution of taxes, delay in fulfilling infrastructure commitments and release of funds for disaster relief by the Centre, the memorandum said. The party has also urged the Commission to recommend that 2% of the revenues of the Centre may be shared with States to remove revenue deficits.

## CPI(M) memorandum to Finance Commission

**The Hindu Bureau**
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The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has also urged the 16th Finance Commission to recommend devolution of 50% of the divisible pool to the States as the GST regime has curtailed States' power to raise revenues while the State governments have the responsibility of bearing expenditure burden. It has also urged the commission to recommend cesses and surcharges to be included as part of the divisible pool.

"As per the 15th Finance Commission, the share of total revenue receipts of the Union government is 62% while the share of State is 37.3%. However, in responsibility of bearing expenditure burden, States have to bear 62.4% while the burden on the Union government is 37.6%. It is essential to work out a fair principle for sharing union taxes with the States," it said in its memorandum to the commission. It also urged the commission to review the administration of Centrally-sponsored schemes and said they had increased financial burden on the States besides reviewing tax concessions and exemptions to corporates.

With respect to Karnataka, it pointed out that the State has suffered a loss of 34% GST revenue between 2017 and 2024 and ₹53,382 crore as cesses/surcharges are not part of the divisible pool.

**'The State should be adequately rewarded by taking into consideration achievements in health, population control, education, forest and ecology'**

**On irrigation projects**

Citing paucity of resources the State faced to complete projects, the JD(S) said the commission should recommend to the Centre to declare all major irrigation projects across inter-State rivers and drinking water supply project planned to utilise more than 10 tmcft as national projects. Citing loss of 105 tmcft of water storage in major reservoirs due to accumulation of silt, it has sought funds from the Centre to set apart an annual allocation to State for desilting projects.

It also urged the commission to make suitable recommendation to the Centre to accord clearance from Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), Central Water Commission (CWC), and Ministry for Environment and Forests to the DPR of Mekedatu on top priority.

**Lingering railway infrastructure projects**

Listing out 19 lingering railway infrastructure projects, the party said that adequate allocation should be made for speedy competition of projects. It pointed out that Karnataka gets fewer trains allocated in the annual railway budget. Rail connectivity and infrastructure in Karnataka is inadequate and way behind Gujarat, West Bengal, and other States. "As many as 80 taluks do not have any sort of rail connectivity as just about 4.2% of lines have been electrified," it said. The party also sought special assistance to Bengaluru to build infrastructure and provision for drinking water.

# POCSO case: HC adjourns hearing on BSY's plea

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka, on the request made by the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP), on Friday adjourned till September 5 further hearing on the petition filed by former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa challenging the FIR as well as charge sheet filed against him for an offence of alleged sexual assault on a minor girl.

However, senior advocate C.V. Nagesh, appearing for Mr. Yediyurappa, said he was prepared to argue the case, but the SPP himself was seeking adjournment. "Every day, one or the other Minister makes statements in the media that Mr. Yediyurappa has been prosecuted under POCSO Act.... he should go to jail... we would make all out efforts to get the stay order vacated...," Mr. Nagesh told the court.

"If Mr. Yediyurappa is destined to go to jail, he will, I am ready to argue the case," said Mr. Nagesh.

Earlier, the SPP sought time to argue the case while pointing out that additional charge sheet has been filed in the case and he wants to submit it to the court. The court in June had allowed continuation of the investigation against Mr. Yediyurappa by directing him to cooperate in the probe, while asking the CID not to arrest him considering he is an octogenarian.

Later, the CID filed charge sheet against Mr. Yediyurappa and others, and the trial court in Bengaluru took cognisance of offences against them and issued summons for their appearance. However, the High Court asked the trial court to grant them exemption from personal appearance till the HC hears the plea challenging the FIR and the charge sheet.

# HC directs trial court not to record proceedings on case against Revanna

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the trial court not to record further proceedings based on the charge sheet filed against former Minister and MLA for Holenarsipur H.D. Revanna for the offence of alleged sexual harassment of a domestic help.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on the petition filed by Mr. Revanna, who questioned the legality of registration of First Information Report on the alleged incident said to have been taken place four years ago.

Senior advocate and Special Public Prosecutor Ravivarma Kumar, appearing for the Special Investigation Team, said the SIT had now filed charge sheet and the trial court is yet to take cognisance of the offence based on it.

Senior advocate C.V. Nagesh, appearing for Mr. Revanna, said that proceeding before the trial court will have to be halted till the High Court considers the challenge to the very registration of the FIR after a lapse of four years on the alleged incident, and the offence of criminal intimidation was invoked sans any ingredient in the complaint.

# Food safety drive: ₹1.68 lakh penalty slapped on day one

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Officials from the Food Safety and Quality Department in Karnataka on Friday inspected 753 roadside eateries, hotels, and restaurants across the State and slapped a total penalty of ₹1.68 lakh on several units where hygiene was not maintained.

The inspections are part of the two-day special drive taken up to check food safety violations across the State. Food Safety Commissioner Srinivas K. said over half of the 753 units were found to be running without licence.

# Veteran politician K.H. Srinivasa dead

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Veteran politician K.H. Srinivasa died following prolonged illness in Bengaluru on Friday. He was 86 and is survived by wife, three daughters, and a son.

K.H. Srinivasa

Mr. Srinivasa, a native of Shivamogga district, served as Minister for Energy as well as Kannada and Culture in the Cabinet of then Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs, besides also working as his political secretary. He served as political secretary to former Chief Minister J.H. Patel and was Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council when S.M. Krishna was the Chief Minister. He served as MLA three times besides being nominated to the Council once. He worked in the major political parties Congress, JD(S), and BJP at various points of time.

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Srinivasa had a flair for writing and published an anthology of poems in Kannada and also translated a play of French philosopher and playwright Jean-Paul Sartre into Kannada. He translated the speeches of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi during their visits to Karnataka.

Several leaders, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Law Minister H.K. Patil, condoled the death of Mr. Srinivasa.

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# ‘Changes in Arctic region’s weather pattern impacting India’s monsoon’

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Changes in the Arctic region’s weather pattern are impacting India’s monsoon season and the heavy rainfall occurring here, in turn, is contributing to more melting of ice sheets in polar regions, said M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, here on Friday.

Delivering the keynote address at the National Institute of Advanced Studies-Ministry of External Affairs First Annual Polar Dialogue, Dr. Ravichandran said that changes in the Arctic region have global implications.

“For instance, sea rise reduction in the Arctic is directly influencing the monsoon season. Earlier, rainfall used to occur evenly over a period of four months. However, we are receiving the same amount of rainfall in a few days. Also due to heavy rainfall in India, the amount of heat released by the rain is transported all the way to the polar region, especially the Arctic and thereby more melting is happening,” Dr. Ravichandran said.

He added that polar regions impact tropics and tropics impact polar regions.

“The southern ocean is warming more and more. Due to this, the temperature radiant between India and the southern oceans will become less and thereby the monsoon will go on decreasing which is worrisome,” he added.

P.S. Raghavan, chairman, National Security Advisory Board of India, said India had been slow in formulating policies and strategies in the Arctic region.

“For many years we have not looked beyond the scientific aspects and the scientific work which is being done in and around the research stations that they have in the region. But in 2022 India came out with a comprehensive Arctic policy,” Mr. Raghavan said.

He said that the Arctic region has changed in the last decade or so and today the Arctic Council is divided between seven North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries and one which actually presides over the largest piece of Arctic real estate.

“Russia-West tensions have ensured that the council which has so far succeeded in keeping the governance of the region within itself is now deeply polarised. China has inserted itself into this polarisation by seeing greater influence through participation in infrastructure and connectivity projects. The polar silk road has become part of the Belt and Road Initiative,” he said. He said that there could be a possible geopolitical tussle with a potentially much greater global impact which could lead to territorial disputes and militarisation of the Arctic.

# CPI(M) sidesteps query on Mukesh’s resignation as MLA

The State committee may discuss the matter on Saturday; it also came under attack after an actor alleged that sexual abuse issue was raised with govt. earlier; protests continue in Kochi, Kollam

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The CPI(M) Kerala Secretariat met here on Friday amid increasingly strident calls for the resignation of party MLA and actor M. Mukesh, who is facing accusations of sexual exploitation and abuse. The party is yet to indicate that it discussed the political controversy surrounding Mr. Mukesh. The party’s State committee might weigh the matter on Saturday.

In an article on Thursday, CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat cautioned the party against engaging in what she termed “you did this, I did that sort of useless argument” when providing safety for women.

Congress protesting against CPI(M) MLA Mukesh, actor Siddique and filmmaker Ranjit in Kochi on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The CPI(M) also came under criticism after a junior artist alleged that she had approached the party and government against an assistant director who “drugged and raped” her on a 2022 film set.

In Kochi, demonstrators vented their anger by beating effigies of Mukesh, Siddique, and Ranjith, all accused of sexual assault, with brooms.

In Kollam, a protest march was held outside Mukesh’s residence, with activists calling for his immediate resignation as MLA. Congress leader Anil Akkara on Friday filed a petition with the Kerala High Court Registrar seeking to shift the hearing of the anticipatory bail petition filed by Mr. Mukesh from the Ernakulam Principal Sessions Judge to another court.

### FIR against Jayasurya

Meanwhile, the police have registered an FIR against actor Jayasurya based on a statement filed by an actor who worked with him on a film set in 2013.

The woman emailed her complaint to the State Police Chief, who forwarded it to the Karamana Police in Thiruvananthapuram.

# Aravalli from SAFHAL to power next-gen helicopters

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Private Limited (SAFHAL) have signed an airframer contract to commence joint design, development, manufacture, supply and support of a new generation high power engine, named Aravalli, for the 13-ton Medium Lift class, Indian Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) and the Deck-Based Multi-Role Helicopter (DBMRH).

The IMRH and DBMRH are being designed and developed by HAL.

HAL said that the name Aravalli is derived from the mighty mountain range in western India, symbolises the aspirations of the country in achieving self-reliance in critical engine technologies.

“This partnership with SAFHAL marks a pivotal moment in our journey towards achieving technological self-reliance in India’s aerospace and defence sectors. The collaboration will not only ensure the operational capabilities of the IMRH and DBMRH platforms, but also contribute to the broader goal of indigenous development of critical defence technologies,” said C. B. Ananthakrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director (additional charge), HAL. SAFHAL, a joint venture between France-based Safran Helicopter Engines SAS and HAL, is dedicated to the design, development, production, sales and support of new generation helicopter engines in India. Under this strategic contract, SAFHAL will work with its parent companies on cutting-edge engine technologies, ensuring superior performance, reliability, and operational efficiency. This collaboration involves state-of-the-art design, advanced manufacturing processes and rigorous testing protocols to meet the highest global standards. Future extension to the civil market for offshore operations, utility and VVIP transport, is also planned followed by Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) activities.

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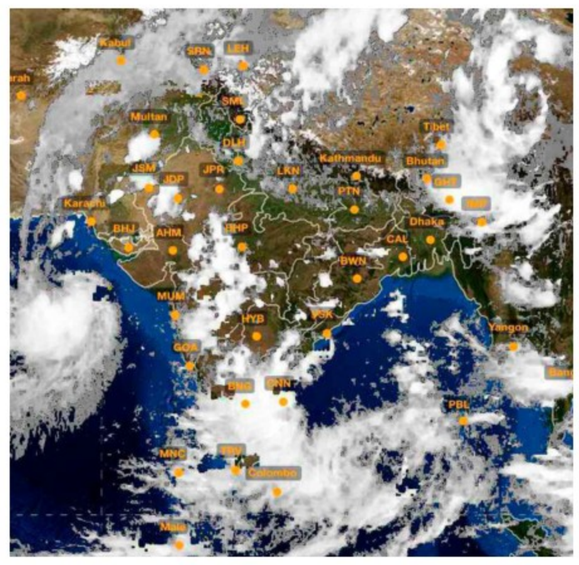


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| Hyderabad | ...9 | ..52 | 69 | ..... 35 | ....58 | ..... |
| Kolkata | ...1 | ..37 | 21 | ..... 39 | ....50 | ..... |
| Lucknow | .10 | ..10 | 41 | ..... 68 | ....44 | ..... |
| Mumbai | ...3 | ..10 | 41 | ..... 50 | ....76 | ..... |
| Pune | ..— | ..30 | 34 | ..... 46 | ....48 | ..... |
| Visakhapatnam | .10 | ..42 | 27 | ..... 38 | ....60 | ..... |

**Air Quality Code:** Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jalna, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 282 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Palkalaiperur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-38/24-25/1496-98 Date: 23.08.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION** (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bids on **Partial Turnkey Basis** for the following works:

**(1)** Providing 11kV Bus coupler and adopter panel for coupling of 11kV Bank-1 and Bank-2 at 66/11kV S/s Jigani **(Reserved for SC)**

**(2)** Providing 1No. Of 11kV Bus coupler MCVCB for connecting Bank 1A and Transformer-2 at 66/11kV S/s Anekal **(Reserved for ST)**

**(3)** Replacement of existing 11kV MEI make 20kA PCVCB switchgear by released good 11kV MEI make 25kA MCVCB switchgear at 66/11kV S/s Samandur.

The Detailed Notification regarding the tenders can be got by logging on or after **31.08.2024** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

**Sd/-Superintending Engineer(Ele.), Transmission (Maint.), Ramanagara Circle, Opp. R.R. Nagar Metro Station, Pantharapalya, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 026, Ph: 080-29620155.**

Government of karnataka
**CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HASSAN. BM ROAD SANTHEPETE CIRCLE, HASSAN-573201.**
**Email:commn_hassan@yahoo.com Phone:08172-268276, 263033 web: http://www.hassancity.gov. Help line: 233702,Fax: 234792**
**No:CMC/HSN/HS/AEE(Env)/CR 27/2024-25 Date:28-08-2024**

**:Short Term Tender Notification:**

( Through E-Procurement Portal ) City Municipal Council, Hassan invites Tender in two cover system as per the Approved Action plan of Swach bharath mission 2.0 and municipal grant under the KTPP act 2000, for for the following works listed below. Sl.no. 1)Work Detailes: Supply of man power for cleaning on the occasion of Hassanamba Jatra mahotsava Estimated cost in lakhs: 15.00 Indent NO: DMA/2024-25/SE3564 2)Work Detailes: Cleaning work of main roads by using weed cutter, JCB,Dozer,Tipper on the occasion of Hassanamba Jatra mahotsava Estimated cost in lakhs: 15.00 Indent NO: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT28055 3)Work Detailes: Beautification of main roads and circle of Hassan city limits Estimated cost in lakhs: 40.00 Indent NO: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT28132 4)Work Detailes: Supply and installation of Flat belt conveyor, Inclined belt covenyor, transfer conveyor, trommel conveyor for material recovery facility at CMC Hassan Estimated cost in lakhs: 76.05 Indent NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3245 5)Work Detailes: Supply and installation of Horizontal bailer, magnetic separator, bag opener, pallet truck, weighing scale, semi electric stacker, fork lift for material recovery facility at CMC Hassan Estimated cost in lakhs: 79.32 Indent NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3246 6)Work Detailes: Supply and installation of Pvc flat belt conveyor with wheels, Vertical twin box bailer, De dusting equipments for MRF AT CMC HASSAN Estimated cost in lakhs: 33.80 Indent NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3248 1] Last date and time for Queries /Clarification is 4-09-2024 upto 5.30p.m 2] Last date and time for receipt of Tenders is 06-09-2024upto 5.30p.m 3] Date and time for Opening of Technical bid is 09-09-2024, 11.0 a.m

**sd/- Commissioner City Municipal Council Hassan**

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**DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY WELFARE**
**Directorate of Minorities**
**No.16C, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Bhavan, Miller Tank Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.**
Website: **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**
**Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi**
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRE MATRIC (1st to 8th std) SCHOLARSHIP 2024-25**

**Online Application**

For the year 2024-25 Online Applications are invited from eligible Minority students of Karnataka State studying in Class 1st to 8th Std.

**For online application visit the following websites**

**https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/**
(State Scholarship Portal)
**https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**
(Directorate of Minorities - GOK)

**Timeline**

**Start date for applying Fresh Application 29.08.2024.**
**Last date to apply: 31.10.2024**

**Eligibility Conditions**

1. The student must belong to minority community (Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikhs and Parsi)
2. The student must be a domicile of Karnataka.
3. Total family income should not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakhs.

**Important Note**

1. The students who are studying in 1st Std in the current academic year should apply.
2. Those who did not apply under this scheme last year should submit an application.
3. Those students who have availed scholarship in the 2023-24 shall be considered as “Auto Renewal” and these students are not required to apply again.
4. The students who have not availed the scholarship in 2023-24, such students should apply fresh application.
5. Aadhar seeding and NPCI mapping to bank account is mandatory to avail the scholarship.
6. Eligibility conditions for pre-matric scholarship is bound by the Government orders and Guidelines issued by the government from time to time.

For further details, Instructions and procedures please visit Directorate of Minorities website
**https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**
For assistance contact nearest Minority Information Centres (MIC) or contact the Minority Welfare Department

Date: 29.08.2024
Place: Bengaluru

**Sd/-**
**Director**
**Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru**

DIPR/CP/1745/MAA/2024-25

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**
**ENGINEERING WING**
Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd Floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023
Telephone No.: 080-29557023 E-mail:**cekhsdrp@gmail.com**
No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-1/AE-8/TND/2024-25/1515 Date: 30.08.2024

**Short-Term Tender Notification**

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Short Term Tender from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in TwoTender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following work.

**Description of works: 1)** Construction of Health and wellness centre at **Hosathota** in Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District & **2)** Construction of Health and wellness centre at **Shirangav B** in Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District (Call-2). Estimated cost: **Rs. 130.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 2.00 lakhs.** Stipulated period for completion (including monsoon): **6 months.**

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **17.09.2024 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **18.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs.** The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

**NOTE: (1)** All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids/ individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated on KPP Portal only.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
**ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸಂಪಾದಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗ್ಯಾಸೆಟಿಯರ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ**
8ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಜಲಮಂಡಳಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560009
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಗ್ಯಾಇ/ಇಎಸ್‌ಟಿ(2)/174/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31/08/2024

**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗ್ಯಾಸೆಟಿಯರ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಗ್ಯಾಸೆಟಿಯರ್‌ಗಳ ಸಂಪಾದನಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ **ಸಂಪಾದಕರು–04, ಅನ್ವೇಷಕರು–01, ಬೆರಳಚ್ಚುಗಾರರು–01 ಒಟ್ಟು 06 ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು** ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ದರವಾರು ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 95,015/–. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.09.2024, ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ. 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ. 4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.09.2024.

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಗಿನ್ ಆಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.08.2024 ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸಂಪಾದಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗ್ಯಾಸೆಟಿಯರ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080–22213474 ಅಥವಾ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಹೆಲ್ಪ್‌ಡೆಸ್ಕ್ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080–22340060/ 25201216/25501227 ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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**DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OFFICE, TUMKUR DISTRICT**
**DISTRICT TRIBLE WELFARE OFFICER, TRIBLE WELFARE DEPARTMENT, TUMKUR DISTRICT**
Tender Buletin No:dtwo:tmk:outsource.mdrs:cr:06/2024-25
Date: 26.08.2024

**TENDER BULETIN**

**Tender calling authority:** District trible welfare officer, tumkur district. **Tender no:** dtwo:tmk:outsource.mdrs:cr:06/2024-25. **Tender title:** Short term tender for Supply of man power on outsource basis to residencial schools of district tribal Welfare department, tumkur. Tender Estimated amount **Rs.2.25 crore.** E.M.D amount in **Rs.3,38000/-**. Tender Publish Date: **29.08.2024**. Last date for receipt of tenders: **19.09.2024.** Last date for accept of tenders: **19.09.2024.** date for opening tenders forms: 20.09.2024. Tender accepting authority: Deputy commissioner, tumkur District.

**Sd/-** District trible Welfare officer, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/283/KSMCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayath Chamarajanagar
**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OFFICER, CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT, CHAMARAJANAGAR**
**Room no 312, District Complex Building, Chamarajanagar. Ph No :08226-222421 Email : dhochamarajanagar@gmail.com**

No:DHO/CHN/CV(2)/01/2023-24 Dated: 22-08-2024

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION**

**Tender Number : DHFWS/2024-25/SE1008**

Tender is invited for Health Institutions under the District Health and Family Welfare Department, Chamarajanagar for the year 2024-25 for recruitment of 18-Pharmacists, 13-Junior Laboratory Technicians, 01-Data Entry Operator and 01-Service Engineer, total-33 posts through E-Procurement (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) in Two Cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999 Rules 2000.

1. Estimated Tender value : Rs. 62,96,828/-, 2. E.M.D. Rs. 1,57,421/- 3. Starting Date of uploading Tender: 23-08-2024 4. Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender: 06-09-2024 04:30 PM 5. Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 09-09-2024 5:00 PM.

**Sd/-**
**District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chamarajanagar District Chamarajanagar**

DIPR: CHANAGAR:211:2024-25

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## Growth matrix

### Economic outlook is evenly poised but reforms need acceleration

The first official gauge of the economy's performance so far in 2024-25 pegs real GDP growth at 6.7% between April and June, a five-quarter low and below the central bank's projection. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which expects a 7.2% GDP growth through 2024-25 following last year's 8.2% surge, had revised its estimate for Q1 from 7.2% to 7.1%, earlier this month. The actual numbers are underwhelming and mark a clear cooling in the economic momentum, although some base effects are in play. Growth in the Gross Value Added (GVA) in the economy came in higher at 6.8%, after a year of widening divergences with the GDP print. At the onset of this fiscal year, major hopes hinged on a normal monsoon boosting farm sector output and easing inflation, which could lift the weak rural demand and private consumption witnessed last year. Higher demand would bolster private firms' propensity to invest in new capacities, and ease the pressure on public spending to prop up growth. That the government would still ramp up capital expenditure by 17% to ₹11.11 lakh crore this year, while it waited for this narrative to unfold, was the other pillar underpinning this year's growth aspirations.

As things stand, this script is yet to fully play out. The stretched general election has sharply scuppered public capex, and the government will need to redouble efforts to meet its spending goals. The good news is that private consumption spends bounced to a six-quarter peak of 7.4%, partly thanks to easing headline inflation. But food prices remain elevated. The monsoon has been better than last year but a tad erratic and uneven, temporally as well as spatially. Farm GVA growth has moved up to a four-quarter high of 2% but the next few weeks will determine whether the sector rebounds in earnest (and food inflation cools). Projections of above normal downpours in September may well affect standing *kharif* crops. This is a key monitorable for the RBI, whose independent monetary policy panel members have flagged a 1% GDP growth loss this year and next, if interest rate cuts are delayed. India may still grow 6.5% to 7% this year, but most expect growth to slip to 6.5% in 2025-26, with the medium-term potential hovering around that number. This is too slow for comfort. As top IMF official Gita Gopinath pointed out recently, policymakers need to urgently pursue meaningful reforms across all aspects of the economy, and improve the efficiency of its institutions and the judiciary. This is critical to lift its growth potential and fulfil hopes of creating gainful employment for its young, fast enough for India's demographics to yield a dividend.

## Hateful, baleful

### Assam CM is transgressing his oath by making hateful remarks against Muslims

Hate speech, especially by elected authorities and targeting a specific community, has been repeatedly flagged as a possible trigger for ethnic conflagrations and atrocities that could have catastrophic consequences. Politicians in India are well aware of this but this does not deter the most cynical among them from using hate speech to further a polarising agenda. A case in point is the Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma. The BJP leader continues to revel in making communally sensitive remarks, targeting the State's minority communities. On Tuesday, he explicitly said that he would take sides against "Miya Muslims" – a discriminatory euphemism for the minority Bengali Muslim community – and would not let them "go to Upper Assam". These remarks were in the context of a debate on the law and order situation after a gangrape of a minor in Dhing. During the 2024 general election, Mr. Sarma, in speech after speech, had used rabidly communal language to target Muslims, with nary a response from the Election Commission of India. He even said, "Islamophobia is real for many of us [Hindus]".

By making these statements repeatedly, Mr. Sarma is going against the oath he took as the Chief Minister – that he will bear true faith and allegiance to India's secular Constitution. He should be condemned for explicitly saying that he will side against a particular community. Second, by amplifying demands by groups that have threatened an entire community to leave "Upper Assam" and suggesting that the minority community does not have the right to free movement, he is furthering hate in a State which has been affected by ethnic violence. From violent anti-immigrant agitations to militancy and a flawed process of identifying "foreigners" that has brought misery to the poor, Assam has been through crises; some of those issues continue to fester. Instead of finding ways of reconciliation, all-round harmony and peace, he uses the cynical ploy of fostering division in order to reap the benefits out of the politics of hate. As actions in nearby Myanmar and the plight of the Rohingya show, repeated use of hate speech to characterise a minority community and the amplification of communalism have disastrous consequences. The Union government and the BJP leadership have shown no inclination to rein in the errant Chief Minister. Unlike party leaders who have been reprimanded for utterances targeting sections such as farmers, Mr. Sarma uses hate speech against Muslims. But if the government is serious about improving the lot of the Assamese people – the State has among the poorest HDI indicators in the country – it has to put an end to hate speech as a communally charged environment militates against all-round development.

# The collapse of categories and post-individualism

Varghese K. George

Categorisation, the counting and the labelling of people, places, time, events, and human activities form the basis of all governance and politics. The 2024 Paris Olympics demonstrated, on the one hand, the rigidity and the brutality of categories, and on the other, the fluidity, biases and even the impossibility of it. Indian woman wrestler Vinesh Phogat was disqualified for being overweight by 100 grams for her category – the objectivity of which has not been questioned by anyone including the wrestler herself. Imane Khelif, the Algerian boxer who won the gold in her weight category, had her sex questioned.

In 2023, the International Boxing Association (IBA) had disqualified her for failing a "separate and recognized test, whereby the specifics remain confidential". The Paris Olympics organisers said they also went by the passport which identifies Ms. Khelif to be a woman, her sex assigned at birth. Some media reports linked Ms. Khelif's disqualification in a gender eligibility test and, thus, not participating in the IBA world championship in New Delhi in 2023 to Russian President Vladimir Putin. All told, a person's sex is no longer an incontrovertible objective fact, as his or her weight is. The methods to identify a person's sex – chromosomes, hormone levels, genitalia, have been contested. To the extent that sex is a biological fact, it is an increasingly alterable one. When combined with gender, it is a question of personal choice, according to the increasingly popular view in the United States. The sex and gender debate is a major trigger for the social and political dysphoria in the West.

**The fluctuation of categories**

The fluidity of categories has been a serious governance challenge throughout history. Who is a citizen and who is alien? What kind of violence is crime and what kind is honourable? What is legitimate politics and what is not? Where does homeland end and foreign land begin? Such questions have pushed societies to conflicts and countries to wars, as agreements are difficult to come by, and harder to hold. Currently, live political contestations over categories include the fluidity of Kamala Harris's ethnicity: is she more Asian- American than African-American? Should Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes communities be categorised into subgroups for better achievement of social justice goals in India?

Modernity celebrated individualism as a higher level of social evolution, and communities that bind individuals to social norms, faith and traditions came to be viewed as regressive through its lens. The building blocks of modern, secular communities, and nations, are supposed to be atomised individuals who share their belief in atomised individualism with other atomised individuals. The individual participated in politics and market as the fundamental autonomous unit of humanity. The individual was indivisible, indestructible.

> Gender debates appear to be deepening social fragmentation in the West

Sex categories, male and female, are (at least used to be) a rare point of agreement across religious faiths, political ideologies, and science. In fact, western creationists in recent years began citing British evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in support of their position that humans are divided into male and female. Prof. Dawkins has argued that categories in general do not hold because the natural world is a fluid continuum, but sexes are a remarkable and undeniable exception. It is the union of clearly differentiated male and female reproductive cells that makes procreation possible. He notes intersex individuals exist, but that only proves the rule of sexual binaries. What has muddled this rare point of universal agreement of faiths and science is the relatively new idea of sex as choice, guided by gender perception.

**The new idea as 'choice'**

According to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, "sex refers to a set of biological attributes" and "gender refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviors, expressions and identities." "...sex is usually categorized as female or male", while "gender exists along a continuum and can change over time". Sex is what one is, and gender is what one feels. The question becomes contentious over translating the feeling into being – gender affirming sex transition. Should that be allowed? If yes, what is the age of consent in this regard? Should public schools and public health systems facilitate this? These questions are pulverising the U.S. in this election season.

That an individual is their thought is not a new thought. The individuality of a person has been about their thoughts and feelings, and not their bodies. The mind changes over time. People move from one faith to another, or from one line of political thinking to another, without altering their bodies, generally speaking. The mind determines an individual's relationship with others. Individualism is about the inviolability of the individual – body and mind. The mind seeks to preserve the physical body – its liberty, safety, and nourishment. The integrity of the physical body was taken for granted and considered sacrosanct; surgeries and interventions that modernity made possible were to restore the normative features and functions of the body; not to alter them.

Gender affirming sex transition changes that relationship between an individual's mind and body. It does not undermine the sexual binary, as it is often misrepresented. In fact, it reinforces the binary – a person who wants to transition is in fact seeking medical intervention to achieve the normative anatomical features of one of the sexes. In the previously familiar universe, when there was conflict between the body and the mind – being and feeling – feeling had to yield to being. Feeling could have been fleeting, after all. That the body, not the mind, should change is the new idea. Individual autonomy elevated to this level, paradoxically, disaggregates the individual into components, and reconstitutes them into a new biological entity. The mind is fluid, and assuming that the body should keep pace with the fluidity of the mind, is a radically mind-bending idea. This throws out of the window one of the longest held, and universally shared truths – that there is man and woman. That there is nothing permanent about an individual being a man or woman is a bewildering post-truth. It is post-individualism; individualism devouring itself.

This paradox mirrors the bigger dilemma of liberalism itself. Liberalism, by virtue of self-identification, has to tolerate all types of illiberal ideas. For instance, liberalism has to accommodate religious and cultural practices, which in turn are oppressive towards its own followers. Liberalism thus undermines itself. Individualism and conflicting group claims have already caused disorienting social fragmentation. Sex transition makes fragmentation inside the individual self, which was considered composite.

**Science and evidence**

Proponents and opponents of gender affirming care try to bolster their argument using data and science. Technology has given humanity the immense capacity to enforce categories by digitally profiling and labelling each individual. But, simultaneously, by choice and under duress, individuals increasingly defy categories by crossing geographical and social borders. Sex categories are the new frontier for human mobility. That the body should fall in line with the mind's feeling is an idea. Ideas usually precede the technological know how that translate it into reality – for instance, flight. Science will more likely enable that idea, rather than prove or disprove anything about it. Science and technology do not just discover existing reality but also create new ones. As new technologies shift medical interventions from restorative to transformatory, the body is set lose its normative form anyway. Sex could follow gender, and as all other matters of the mind, it will be about a choice that one makes. One's mind is accessible to another only to the extent that it is articulated, which means, a person can only be what they claim. Gender ideology has set the U.S., and the West in general, on a course of collective cognitive dissonance. One part of these societies seek to hold on to their last truth, while the other is dismantling the notion of the inviolable individual that built them.

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# A game plan for India's success as 2036 Olympic host

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In his Independence Day address from Red Fort to the country, this August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that it was India's dream to host the 2036 Olympic Games, adding that preparations were being made for this. This is an audacious announcement to say the least. India has never hosted the Olympics before. India has almost always underperformed in the global athletic arena. India has limited world class track and field infrastructure.

Yet, the Olympic ambition does not seem far-fetched. The country's sporting prowess is growing. Its sportspersons enjoy enormous respect among their peers. The Indian sports engagement is at an all-time high. However, whether India succeeds in its Olympic bid or not will depend on how the country builds consensus both within and beyond its borders.

**Electing the future host**

Hosting an Olympic Games is a marathon effort, as this writer witnessed first hand when visiting the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. There is a lot of ground to cover in preparing the infrastructure. In Paris, for instance, there were '329 medal events in 32 sports (including the four additional sports)' that bring the best athletes in the world on one stage, not to mention the lakhs of tourists. Since 2019, the process for host bidding has undergone a complete overhaul. These changes are part of the reforms brought in by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) after allegations of corruption were made in connection with the award of the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo Games. The revamped selection process was first tried in 2021 when the bidding process was conducted to choose Brisbane as the host city for the 2032 Games.

The contender cities are now engaged in confidential exchanges by the Future Host Commission (FHC), a dedicated body set up by the IOC. The remit of the FHC goes beyond ensuring integrity. It also runs feasibility assessments, studies environmental concerns and human rights standards as part of the process. The IOC is expected to hold an election at the conclusion of the dialogue process led by the FHC, likely in 2026, where its members will vote to choose the host of the 2036 Games.

> Within India, there must be a collaborative approach between governments and the relevant agencies; the infrastructure in some States needs to be highlighted

India's march towards its Olympic ambition began in 2010, after New Delhi hosted a successful Commonwealth Games. The Union Government reformed sports associations through the National Sports Development Code ('Sports Code'). With an eye on improving the sports ecosystem from the grassroots level, the Khelo India Scheme was launched in 2017. Under this scheme, the focus is on upgradation of sports infrastructure, development of talent, promotion of sports and sports academies.

Under the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification programme, there is a push to develop and identify talented individuals between the ages of nine to 18 years. The Committee formed for identification of talented individuals makes recommendations on Khelo India athletes who are then nurtured with support from the government. At the Paris Olympics this year, 28 Indian athletes who participated were Khelo India athletes.

**States and events**

Sports is a state subject, being included under Entry 33 of the State List under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Among the States and Union Territories, Tamil Nadu leads in terms of infrastructure. Recently, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced a Global Sports City on the outskirts of Chennai. It is expected that it will have international facilities including a multipurpose stadium, football grounds, athletic tracks, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a velodrome, sports science facilities, a sports medicine centre and other sporting infrastructure.

Tamil Nadu has taken a leap when it comes to beach sports. Kovalam, a coastal town off Chennai, has been hosting international surfing events. Chennai hosted an international beach volleyball tournament in 2010 and an international sailing regatta in 2014.

**Planning ahead**

The biggest expenditure for countries organising the Olympics is from building sporting infrastructure. However, Paris capitalised on existing venues and facilities, thus reducing the capital expenditure.

According to the Union Government, Tamil Nadu has nearly 390 Olympic-standard infrastructure facilities; Delhi is second with nearly 161 and Odisha third with 153. Tamil Nadu, having hosted the South Asian Federation Games in 1995 and the Khelo India Youth Games in 2024, has invested in considerable sporting infrastructure. Similarly, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, hosted the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 and showcased its world-class sporting facilities. By leveraging States such as Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Odisha, which already have sports infrastructure, India would be in a better position to advance a cost-efficient and eco-friendly bid to host the 2036 Games.

There is much at stake when India makes its bid to host the 2036 Olympics. Parties, governments and stakeholders across political or territorial lines must come together in the national interest. But, the leadership for this must come from the highest echelons in the Union government. India's Olympic bid must necessarily be constructed through a collaborative and cooperative approach amongst stakeholders. States must be taken into confidence and a multi-stakeholder, representative committee ought to be formed to plan for India's bid. By leveraging the expertise of States such as Tamil Nadu and Odisha, the committee should put forward its best proposal in line with the criteria devised by the FHC. Only such an effort would be in the national interest and a bid that is truly representative of the country's potential.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Report and fallout**

In the cases of sexual abuse being reported following the Justice K. Hema Committee report, the emerging fact is that the alleged perpetrators seem to be middle aged and even senior citizens. These are people with 'political power, social status, money power, experience in the industry and even long-standing brand value'. If committees are formed in other States to investigate the state of the film world in each State, there are sure to be many more scandals to uncover and cases being filed.

**M.C. Vijay Shankar,**
Chennai

The Hema Committee report is also about other problems in the industry. But the media is focusing only on subjects that will drive TRP ratings and sell pages. What about the plight of 'junior artists'? And the facilities at shooting spots? Will anything be done about these?

**Bina Paul,**
Kochi

**A.G. Noorani**

A.G. Noorani was a wizard in whichever sphere he was involved in (Inside pages, August 30). His inimitable style of writing and faultless delivery of speeches with facts and figures, particularly on legal issues, won him many admirers.

**V. Johan Dhanakumar,**
Chennai

His articles in *Frontline* , especially on the Kashmir dispute and the India-China border issue are treasures. They will help policymakers to reflect on the roots of such problems and even take corrective measures.

**Syed Sultan Mohiddin,**
Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh

Of particular interest to readers like me were his columns in *Frontline* where he covered extensive ground on a gamut of subjects. Largely devoid of legal jargon, they were as comprehensible to laymen as they were to those familiar with the subjects on which he expounded.

**C.V. Aravind,**
Bengaluru

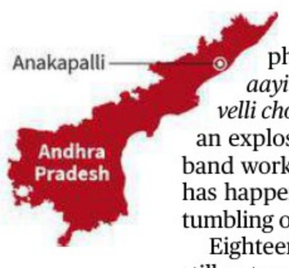
Y. Lovamma mourns the death of her husband Y. Chinna Rao, who was killed in an explosion at the Escientia Advanced Sciences manufacturing unit in Atchutapuram SEZ in Anakapalli on August 21. V. RAJU

# The human cost of factory explosions

On August 21, a blast at Escientia Advanced Sciences, a pharmaceutical manufacturing unit in Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh, left 17 people dead and 36 injured. Since 2019, up to 119 industrial accidents have occurred in undivided Visakhapatnam district, of which Anakapalli is a part, leading to the deaths of 120 people.
**Harish Gilai** reports on the alleged negligence and apathy by companies and the precarious lives of workers

Lovamma, 28, led a hectic life as a homemaker in Vasettipalem village in Atchutapuram mandal, Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh. She would begin the day early, cleaning the house and cooking breakfast and lunch for her husband, Y. Chinna Rao, 32, and their two children, 10 and 6.

Chinna Rao worked as a painter at Escientia Advanced Sciences Private Limited, a company that manufactures active pharmaceutical ingredients and intermediate chemicals, in the Atchutapuram Special Economic Zone (SEZ), 3 kilometres away. He would help Lovamma get their daughter ready for school and pack the children's lunch boxes. His shift began at 8:30 a.m. When the children headed off to school with their father, Lovamma would continue with her household chores. She would take a nap in the afternoon before her husband returned.




On the afternoon of August 21, while Lovamma was resting, she got a phone call from a neighbour. "Lova, *mee aayina* company *lo* reactor *pelioyindi anta, velli choodu em ayyindo* (Lova, there has been an explosion at the company where your husband works. You need to go there and see what has happened)," the neighbour said, her words tumbling out.

Eighteen hours after that call, Lovamma had still not received any information about her husband either from the police or the factory management. She learned that the explosion had occurred at about 2:15 p.m. on August 21 and had left 17 people dead and 36 severely injured. According to a press release by the Anakapalli district administration, 381 employees work at the unit though it is unclear how many of them were present that day. The blast took place when the workers were on a break.

Since 2019, according to the Anakapalli district administration, 119 industrial accidents have occurred in undivided Visakhapatnam district comprising Visakhapatnam and Anakapalli, leading to the deaths of 120 people.

## 'Companies simply do not care'

The day after the explosion, scores of workers from various pharma companies boycotted duty and gathered at the Escientia unit. They were joined by residents of neighbouring villages. Speculation was rife that more bodies were stuck on the first floor of the building, where the explosion had occurred due to leakage of a solvent.

Lovamma, too, had parked herself in front of the Escientia unit gate at the SEZ, with her daughter nestled in her lap. She was desperate for answers. "What should I tell my children," she asked, tears streaming down her face.

Lovamma's mother, Satyavathi, said that the police had shown them a body that had charred beyond recognition. "They claimed that it was Chinna Rao's body, but we are not convinced. We are hoping that he is still inside. Maybe he is stuck under something? Please ask the officials to search under the rubble again," she pleaded.

> A month ago, an accident had occurred at Vasant Chemicals nearby. One person died. What lessons have factories learned? Do our lives even matter?
> Worker at factory

The workers were furious. "A month ago, an accident had occurred at the neighbouring Vasant Chemicals. One person died. What lessons have the factories learned? Do our lives even matter?" shouted a worker at the gate as the police tried to pacify the crowd. Nearby, a group of women raised slogans against the factory management, demanding that they shut down operations. Two policewomen flanked them, asking them to keep calm, with little success.

The bodies of the people who had died in the tragedy had been shifted to hospital. But the family members of several victims refused to budge. They demanded an immediate audience with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

"This is not an isolated incident. People regularly die in industrial accidents. Companies do not adhere to safety measures. They simply do not care. Until when will such accidents be allowed to happen?" a woman demanded to know.

Officials tried to convince her that Naidu was scheduled to inspect the unit and meet the relatives of the victims soon. "We will be here until he arrives," she retorted.

K. Venkatesh, who lost his cousin, Pudi Mohan, in the tragedy, sat crumpled under a tree. "Mohan was only 19. He had joined the unit two months ago. He had completed intermediate education and enrolled for a degree programme in distance mode. Meanwhile, he wanted to help his family financially and joined the company," he said, clutching a photo of his cousin's body that had been clicked for identification purposes. The photo showed injuries to Mohan's chest and left ear.

As the crowd waited for Naidu to arrive, Deputy Superintendent of Police of Parawada Sub-Division, K.V. Satyanarayana, tried to convince them that there were no more bodies lying inside the unit. He waved a list of the names of the dead and injured, as well as the names of the hospitals where they had all been shifted.

Seven severely injured workers had been shifted to a private hospital at Venkojipalem in Visakhapatnam, which is about 50 km from the accident site, while three more had been shifted to a hospital in Sheela Nagar in Visakhapatnam, about 35 km away. Sixteen injured victims had been admitted in a private hospital in Anakapalli town, about 20 km from the site of the explosion. The rest, who had sustained minor injuries, were shifted to NTR Hospital, Anakapalli.

The Escientia Advanced Sciences Private Limited manufacturing unit where the blast occurred. V. RAJU

All the bodies had been sent to the state-run King George Hospital in Visakhapatnam for postmortem. Some relatives refused to allow postmortems unless the government shut down the unit and paid compensation to the families.

Neela Devi, 19, had married Chiranjeevi, a fitter in the company, only six months ago. She is five months pregnant now and grieving the loss of her husband. "I want him back," she cried.

Visakhapatnam District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad rushed to the hospital and told the victims that the government would help in every possible way. He announced an ex gratia of ₹1 crore to the kin of each of the deceased and ₹25 lakh to ₹50 lakh to each of the injured.

## The blast and the response

A short drive away from the industry is the SEZ colony. Employees, people sitting at tea stalls, shoppers at vegetable markets, and travellers at bus stations all said they were shaken by the blast. Police personnel had been deployed along the streets and were busy relaying information on their walkie-talkies about the convoy route of the Chief Minister, who was scheduled to reach the factory by the afternoon.

The Atchutapuram SEZ is spread over nearly 6,000 acres, while the Jawaharlal Nehru Pharma City (JNPC) at Parawada, the neighbouring mandal of Atchutapuram, is spread over 2,000 acres. Both the zones house 200 pharmaceutical, chemical, and other industries.

Industrial accidents are not new to the employees or the residents. However, the accident at Escientia on August 21 was different. "The explosion was so intense that we saw body parts strewn around the premises," said A. Ramakrishna, a worker, who was in the building that day.

Thick flames engulfed the surroundings, witnesses said. Videos of raging fires and pictures of disfigured bodies went viral on social media within minutes of the explosion, creating panic among the residents. The district police and fire department personnel rushed to the spot. A National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team was deployed for rescue operations by 5 p.m.

"We used some 14 fire tenders and around 50 personnel to douse the flames. It took us an hour to prevent the fire from spreading to the upper floors of the factory. We used boom lifts and cranes. We rescued 13 people after breaking the glasses on the third floor," said Regional Fire Officer, Niranjan Reddy. Though the in-house firefighting equipment was in working condition, no emergency rescue team was present at the premises during the operations, Reddy said. The building lacked natural ventilation, he alleged.

L. Venkata Ramana, a senior worker from the unit, was absent on the day of the accident. He rushed to the spot on hearing about it. "I have never seen so many ambulances, firemen and NDRF teams chipping in for such a rescue operation. Many bodies were charred beyond recognition. I am very lucky," he said.

The Deputy Inspector of Factories, Anakapalli, Narayana Rao, attributed the explosion to the leakage of MTBE (Methy Tertiary-Butyl Ether) solvent. "The MTBE solvent leaked from the pipeline flange on the second floor. It is highly inflammable and spread to the first floor. It might have come in contact with electrical panels, which might have caused vapour clouds, leading to the explosion," he said. "The walls and pillars appear to have blown up under the impact of the explosion. People might have been trapped under the debris and died." He described the incident as a

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> **V. ANITHA**
> Home Minister

"clear case of negligence by the factory management as it failed to stop the leakage."

Chief Minister Naidu and Home Minister V. Anitha held a meeting with officials after inspecting the accident site. They also met the family members of the victims. Confirming to the media that "human negligence led to the accident," Naidu promised stringent measures to curb such accidents. The Chief Minister and Home Minister said that the Escientia management were not cooperative and did not even respond to queries of government officials after the accident.

The police registered a first information report against the management of Escientia Advanced Sciences under Sections 106 (1) (causing death due to negligence not amounting to culpable homicide) and 125 (a) and (b) (endangering life or personal safety) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita, which replaced the Indian Penal Code.

Led by Anakapalli District Collector Vijaya Krishnan, a high-level committee comprising the officials of the pollution control board, and of the revenue, factories, and police departments, has been formed to probe the incident.

## A spate of accidents

The ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led National Democratic Alliance government has blamed the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government for the lack of a proper policy to monitor industries, citing it as the major reason for recurring industrial accidents. YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy refuted the allegations saying the current government had failed to follow up on a government order brought out during his tenure to monitor industries closely.

The order directs every company to generate a self-compliance report over the safety measures being taken on its premises. One month after the report is submitted, a committee comprising officials from the labour, revenue, and other departments is to inspect the company to check whether the report is accurate and to make recommendations if needed. The government gives the company 15 days to make the required amendments. Later, it is the responsibility of the joint collector to visit the company and check whether everything is in place.

Less than 24 hours after the Chief Minister warned factory managements of stringent action in case of any lapse in adherence to safety measures, another industrial accident occurred in a pharma unit, Synergene Active Ingredients, at JNPC, Parawada, in the early hours of August 23, injuring four workers. Of them, three succumbed to burn injuries two days later.

The District Secretary of the Centre of Trade Unions, Ganisetti Satyanarayana, said though accidents keep happening, the managements rarely bother to strengthen safety measures. "After an accident, authorities form a committee to ascertain the cause and the committee publishes a report. Its recommendations are never revealed. Safety audits are never conducted," he said.

The District Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Anakapalli, K. Lokanadham, said that in 2019, the YSRCP government had issued government order No. 62, which specifies which establishments under the SEZ and the export processing zone are exempt from inspections. He demanded that the present government scrap this order.

Industries have been the major source of employment for many people from Andhra Pradesh. Workers from States such as Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Bihar also migrate to the State and work at factories at meagre salaries.

Tella Santosh, a worker from JNPC, said that he earns ₹11,000 monthly as a helper at a unit and works an eight-hour shift. "My work involves shifting load and helping engineers on duty. We are informed about the do's and dont's, especially on what to touch and what not to," he said.

Suresh Kumar, another worker, said that he has been trying to obtain a visa to work in a Gulf country for a long time. Until that happens, he said he has to work here to earn some money. "A number of workers are here only because they are unable to get visas. Compared to India, safety standards abroad are much better," he said.

Post back-to-back incidents, a high-level meeting was organised by Andhra's Home Minister, who hails from the same district. It was attended by managements, representatives of various industries from the SEZ and JNPC, apart from members of workers' unions. At the meeting, there were mixed responses when workers were asked about the safety gear they wear or the precautionary measures they take at these factories, Anitha said. Some complained that they were not given any safety gear on duty, while some said that they were provided basic gear, such as gloves and shoes. Some representatives of industries said that safety gear was given as an option, but workers chose not to wear them.

"Many accidents are occurring in drug manufacturing companies because of issues pertaining to reactors. We have asked the factories to make safety gear mandatory for workers on duty. We have directed them to provide basic training to workers immediately after recruitment. Besides, before taking up work, the workers should be told about the dos and dont's," she said.

Meanwhile, Lovamma found out the same day from the police that the disfigured body shown to her was her husband's. As Lovamma went back home, Satyavathi, her mother, said, "I'm worried about my daughter. What will she do now?"

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### At 6.7%, growth slid to five-quarter low in Q1

"At the same time, there is a better alignment between the demand and supply side of the economy, and many components of the demand side, such as final private final consumption expenditure, gross fixed capital formation and net exports have held up quite well," he said. The 2% rise in farm sector GVA in Q1 indicates a turnaround from recent quarters' lows, such as the 0.6% rise in January-March 2024, he noted.

Government final consumption expenditure tanked 0.2% in Q1, while public capital expenditure spends that include projects financed by the Centre, States and central public sector firms, were 33.3% lower than a year ago. Still, gross fixed capital formation grew 7.5%, recovering from a four-quarter low of 6.5% in the previous quarter, and private consumption outgoes seemed to rebound from last year's weak trends to hit a six-quarter high of 7.4%.

"The major components apart from public sector for capex are households and the private sector. A stagnation in the public sector capex along with a steady capex by the household sector indicates a modest pickup in the private sector capex," said Paras Jasrai, senior economic analyst at India Ratings and Research.

"This GVA growth in Q1 has been driven by significant growth in the Secondary Sector (8.4%), comprising Construction (10.5%), Electricity, Gas, Water Supply & Other Utility Services (10.4%) and Manufacturing (7%) sectors," the National Statistical Office said.

On the services side, however, growth in the job-intensive 'Trade, Hotels, Transport, Communication & Services related to Broadcasting' segment dropped to 5.7% from 9.7% in the same quarter last year, while 'Financial, Real Estate and Professional Services' eased to 7.1% from 12.6% a year ago. Economists attributed some of this to statistical base effects.

### Cyclone Asna forms over Kutch; rain lashes Gujarat

In some cases, security forces used helicopters to evacuate people to safer locations, according to the State Emergency Operation Centre. It reported that the State has witnessed almost 111% rainfall so far, and more rain has been forecast till September 5. Region-wise, Kutch has witnessed 177% rainfall, Saurashtra 124%, north Gujarat 88%, east central region 105%, and south Gujarat 111%. Vadodara experienced some relief as water level in the Vishwamitri river dropped from 37 feet to 32 feet. Several low-lying areas remain flooded.

### ICAR scientists hired without reservation

They still form the core of its agri researchers but they have little chance to make it to senior posts, which are filled through the lateral entry system.

The ICAR is one of the largest agricultural and allied activities research bodies globally. It employs 6,304 scientists, as per a July 2020 office memo. This is a marginal increase of 23 positions since 1997 across ICAR's eight divisions. Of the current 6,304 on its rolls, 4,420 hold the grade of Scientists, who are recruited through the single-entry system that adheres to reservation policies. The remaining 1,884 positions – comprising Senior Scientists, Principal Scientists, Directors, Heads of Divisions (HoD), Heads of Regional Centres (HoRC), Project Coordinators (PCs), Directors-General, Additional and Deputy Directors-General – have been filled through the direct interview, or lateral entry process, which restricts affirmative action policies to be only followed for the lowest entrant. Including past appointments, there are more than 2,700 who have been hired using this system.

An August 2023 ASRB advertisement to fill senior-level positions relies on a July 7, 1994 letter from ICAR exempting such vacancies from the reservation policy. While this does not violate existing norms, it overlooks the 1995 Constitutional amendment introducing Article 16(4A) enabling reservations to be followed in promotions for SCs and STs. A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court in 2006 in *Nagaraj Vs Union of India* upheld the amendments as constitutionally valid while leaving it to the States to decide the adequacy of reservation based on quantifiable data.

It should be noted that the recruitment of scientists to government departments such as Space, Atomic Energy, and Earth Sciences are also exempt from reservation norms.

*The Hindu* sought comments from the Agriculture Ministry, ICAR, and ASRB. An Agriculture Ministry official would neither deny nor confirm that the lateral entry system of recruitment is being followed, but said that the hiring process is "complex", requiring a fuller explanation. While ICAR declined to comment, there was no response from ASRB until the time of the publication of this article.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, ARSSF president, and Principal Scientist Dr. S. Manivannan said: "You can count on your fingers the number of SCs, STs, OBCs, and minorities who have become Directors, or held RMPs. And a few among them were promoted following prolonged court battles challenging selection committee decisions and procedures." He added that "past DGs converted a few lateral entry positions to Direct Scientists positions, but still sizable numbers have been left out."

# India yet to take a decision on Pak. invite to SCO meet

New Delhi has not attended any meetings of SAARC in Pakistan since 2016; MEA spokesperson lists PM's travel plans for Sept. and Oct.; does not rule out India's participation in SCO summit

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The government confirmed on Friday that it received an invitation from Pakistan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of Government (HoG) meeting in Islamabad on October 15 and 16.

However, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it did not have a decision yet on whether India would participate and at what level that would be, even as it outlined other travel scheduled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September and October this year.

"We have received the invitation for attending the Heads of Government Summit of the SCO from Pakistan, which will be hosted by Pakistan, and on that, as and when we have an update, we'll share [it] with you," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

While Mr. Modi is technically the Head of Government, India and Pakistan decided when they joined the regional grouping that their elected leaders would participate in the Heads of State summit, alongside

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has so far deputed the Vice-President or External Affairs Minister to attend SCO HoG conferences. PTI

Presidents of the other countries, and not the HoG. As a result, Mr. Modi has thus far deputed the Vice-President or External Affairs Minister to attend SCO HoG conferences.

In addition, India has refused to attend any meetings of the SAARC grouping in Pakistan since 2016, and it would be a major departure from this policy if the government were to send a Minister or high-level dignitary to Islamabad for the SCO meeting. Significantly, however, the MEA spokesperson did not explicitly rule out India's participation at the conference in Pakistan, when questioned at the weekly briefing.

Mr. Jaiswal said Mr. Modi would visit Brunei Darussalam on September 3-4 and then Singapore on September 4-5.

Mr. Modi will travel next to the United Nations for the "Summit of the Future" special meeting on September 22-23 and is expected to stay on for a meeting of the Indian diaspora in New York, followed by the UN General Assembly. However, the MEA spokesperson declined to comment on whether the government has been able to tie up for the Quad Summit at the same time in New York. India was due to host the summit in 2024, but owing to Indian and U.S. election schedules, the dropping out of U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida from leadership races in their respective countries as well as Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's availability, MEA officials have been unable to announce a decision thus far.

**Russia visit**

Given his recent visit to Ukraine and India's stated commitment to assist a peaceful resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Mr. Modi's possible next meeting with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on the sidelines of the UNGA will be closely watched. He is then expected to travel to Russia for the BRICS summit on October 22-24, the Kremlin announced this week.

On October 25, Mr. Modi is expected to host German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Delhi for the biannual summit, where the conflict in Ukraine will again be at the top of the agenda. Asked whether India would play a mediator role, Mr. Jaiswal said Mr. Modi had indicated his willingness to play a "constructive role" in further peace.

# Era of uninterrupted dialogue with Pak. is over, says Jaishankar

**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

**Ties with Islamabad have remained frozen since the Pathankot and Uri attacks in 2016**

As far as Pakistan is concerned, the age of "uninterrupted dialogue" has ended, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Friday.

Speaking at the launch of a book by veteran diplomat Rajiv Sikri at the Vivekananda International Foundation, the External Affairs Minister said relations in the neighbourhood were part of a continuity that had to be addressed in a dynamic manner.

"Neighbouring relationships are of utmost importance for every country in the world. They are continuing relationships which will always throw up problems," he said, referring to the political developments in Bangladesh and Maldives and said, every country in the world had some issues with its neighbours. "It's in the very nature of being a neighbour," he said.

"The very closeness – the definition of a neighbour – is actually the complication," the Minister said.

His toughest words were reserved for Pakistan with which India's relations have remained frozen since at least 2016 when India ended dialogue with Islamabad against the backdrop of a sudden spike in cross-border terrorist attacks on military installations like in Pathankot and Uri.

**'We are not passive'**

Taking on the model of "uninterrupted dialogue and uninterruptible dialogue," which was made popular by Congress leader and former Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar during the UPA era, Mr. Jaishankar said: "I think the era of uninterrupted dialogue with Pakistan is over. Actions have consequences. In so far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, Article 370 is done. So the issue today is what kind of relationship can we possibly contemplate with Pakistan."

"We are not passive. Whether events take a positive or a negative direction, either way, we will react," he said, indicating that India will respond depending on the turn of a relationship with Pakistan.

# UCC a small measure of justice for women, says Vice-President

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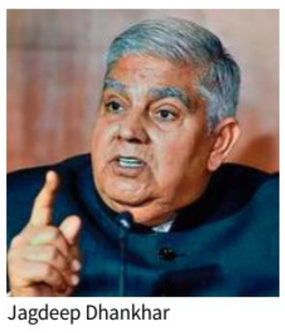

Jagdeep Dhankhar

Echoing President Droupadi Murmu's remarks on the R.G. Kar Hospital rape and murder case, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said a society where "women and girls do not feel safe is not a civilised society". He also backed a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), calling it a "small measure of justice" for women.

Mr. Dhankhar was addressing students at Delhi University's Bharati College. He called upon the citizens to echo the "clarion call" of the President on violence against women. In a piece to PTI, the President said it was time India woke up to the "perversion" of crimes against women, and countered the mindset that saw women as "less powerful, less capable, less intelligent".

"The President has said 'enough is enough'. I want this clarion call to be a national call. Let us resolve, create a system of zero tolerance when you make a girl or woman a victim," he said.

"The society where women and girls do not feel safe is not a civilised society. That democracy is tarnished; it is the biggest obstacle to our progress today," Mr. Dhankhar said.

He also underlined the urgent need to have a Uniform Civil Code for the country as a measure for gender equality and safety of women. "The Uniform Civil Code that has been on the shelf for too long is a small measure of justice to your segment. Look around what it means. It will help in several ways, but majorly it will help your gender."

# Doval meets prominent Presidential aspirants ahead of Sri Lanka election

**Meera Srinivasan**
COLOMBO

Three weeks ahead of Sri Lanka's crucial Presidential election, National Security Adviser Ajit K. Doval, who arrived in Colombo on Thursday, met prominent Presidential aspirants, apart from political leaders representing the island nation's Tamil and Muslim minorities.

In his meeting with President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is seeking a mandate promising "economic stability", Mr. Doval discussed ongoing economic collaboration between Sri Lanka and India, the Presidential Media Division said.

He also met Opposition figures Sajith Premadasa and Anura Kumara Dissanayake. India's bilateral cooperation in economic development and security interests were among the main talking points in the meetings, the sources said.

In a post on X after his meeting with the visiting NSA, Mr. Dissanayake said: "We discussed the political relations between our two countries and the current political situation leading up to the presidential election."

**Vital talks:** NSA Ajit Doval with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo on Friday. PTI

Mr. Doval also held extensive discussions with leaders representing the country's ethnic minorities such as Tamils living in the north and east, the Malaiyaha (hill country) Tamils spread across the south and central parts of the island, and Muslims. Mr. Doval reportedly told the leaders that Tamil parties, currently grappling with internal divisions, could strengthen their position in national politics by working together with a coherent position. He is said to have remarked that in a democracy, it is "numbers that count", a Colombo-based political source, who requested anonymity, told *The Hindu* on Friday.

Mr. Doval also met Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena on Thursday. In addition, key areas of bilateral cooperation partnerships in the energy sector, including private sector participation, were discussed, according to a press statement issued by the Prime Minister's office.

India agreed to develop multiple power projects in Sri Lanka, across LNG and renewable energy initiatives. On Thursday, Indian High Commissioner in Colombo, Santosh Jha, handed over the first payment for India-backed hybrid energy projects in the Delft, Nainativu, and Analaitivu islands off the Jaffna peninsula.

"Mr. Doval said that in the long run, Sri Lanka could generate more power than its domestic requirement, sell excess power to India, and gain huge financial benefits," Mr. Gunawardena's office said in the statement.

**Security conclave**

Meanwhile, member states of the Colombo Security Conclave on Friday signed the charter and Memorandum of Understanding for establishment of the CSC Secretariat.

Along with Mr. Doval, Maldivian NSA Ibrahim Latheef; Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner of Mauritius to Sri Lanka; and Sagala Ratnayake, NSA to the President of Sri Lanka, signed the documents on behalf of the member states, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

# Protests continue to rock Kolkata; Mamata writes to PM Modi again

**Shiv Sahay Singh**
KOLKATA

More than 20 days after the rape and murder of a doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, protests continued to rock the city on Friday with leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party's women's wing putting a giant-sized model of a lock on the gate of the West Bengal State Women's Commission.

Reiterating her request for stringent Central laws against crimes of sexual assault, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday again wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that she received no reply from him for her previous letter. Referring to a letter by Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi, the Chief Minister said that it "barely attends the gravity of the issue" raised by her.

BJP leader Agnimitra Paul and Mahila Morcha activists marching towards West Bengal Commission for Women on Friday. PTI

In another development, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Purba Medinipur, sent notices to 29 clinics and hospitals in the district for violating the Clinical Establishment Act.

This comes a day after Ms. Banerjee clarified that she did not threaten protesting resident doctors at a public meeting on August 28.

The National Human Rights Commission issued a notice to Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal seeking a report on the "barbaric" and "brutal" assault on the protesters during the 'March to Nabanna' on August 27.

# Maharashtra Cong. expels 2 MLAs ahead of Assembly election

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole announced on Friday the expulsion of MLAs Zeeshan Siddique and Jitesh Antapurkar from the party, just ahead of the upcoming Assembly election.

Speaking to reporters in Nagpur, Mr. Patole did not provide specific reasons for their expulsion.

The move comes over a month after it was revealed that seven Congress MLAs had cross-voted in the biennial election for 11 Legislative Council seats.

Asked about Mr. Siddique and Mr. Antapurkar, the Congress State chief said there was no point in discussing them further, as they had already been expelled from the party.

Mr. Siddique, who represents the Bandra (East) constituency, is the son of former Congress leader Baba Siddique, who had recently joined the Nationalist Congress Party, led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar. While Mr. Antapurkar was elected from Deglur in the Nanded district.

Maharashtra is scheduled to go to the polls in November.

# Joint panel meeting on Waqf Bill witnesses heated debate

How can District Collector be the final arbitrator of Waqf properties, ask Opposition members; they briefly walk out in protest after chairman refuses to allow one of the witnesses to depose

**Sobhana K. Nair**
**Ziya Us Salam**
NEW DELHI

At a stormy eight-hour-long second sitting of Parliament's Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, there was a heated exchange between the Opposition and government members, especially on the clause allowing the District Collector to be the final arbitrator on Waqf properties.

The Opposition briefly walked out in protest after Chairman and BJP MP Jagdambika Pal refused to allow one of the witnesses to depose. The meeting began at 11 a.m. and went on till 7 p.m. The argument arose in the second half of the deliberations when advocate Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi, who had deposed on behalf of the Indian Muslims of Civil Rights (IMCR),

> The deletion of 'waqf by user' from the amended law will lead to the titles of properties destabilised and vulnerable to encroachment
>
> **ASADUDDIN OWAISI**
> AIMIM president

New Delhi, returned to speak for the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board.

Mr. Pal, according to sources, said the panel had already heard Mr. Ayubbi's views, while the Opposition said that the second time he would be specifically speaking on Uttar Pradesh. After Mr. Pal refused to relent, the Opposition walked out. Though, within a few minutes after registering their protest, they returned.

The Opposition expressed reservations on Section 3 of the law that makes the District Collector the "final arbitrator" of the Waqf properties. Several Opposition leaders argued that the District Collector cannot be the judge in the government's own case. The District Collector had no quasi-judicial authority. The District Collector was a revenue officer and did not have the expertise to survey properties which the Act required.

Samajwadi Party MP Muhibullah, as per sources, contended that Waqf was part of the Islamic identity and should be treated as an intra-community affair. A District Collector, he argued, cannot be given a "supervisory role".

All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen MP Asaduddin Owaisi flagged the consequences that the law would have on Uttar Pradesh. He argued that the Waqf properties in the State were governed by a State legislation.

"A majority of these properties were in the nature of 'waqf by user' and an overwhelming majority of these properties were religious in nature. The deletion of 'waqf by user' from the amended law will mean that the title of these properties, numbering over one lakh, will be destabilised and made vulnerable to encroachment," he said.

AAP MP Sanjay Singh accused the BJP of not respecting the Constitution.

# 'J&K voters have to choose between terror, development'

**Peerzada Ashiq**
JAMMU

Setting the narratives for the upcoming election in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister G.K. Reddy on Friday took on the National Conference-Congress alliance in the Union Territory and said the choice was "between terrorism and separatism or development and peace".

"A conspiracy is being hatched to push J&K's future into darkness. Everyone knows who is behind it. The BJP will defeat their designs and conspiracies. Our party will work for the interest of the youth," Mr. Reddy, the BJP's election in-charge for J&K, said at a press conference in Jammu.

Accusing the alliance between Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and NC vice-president Omar Abdullah as "an attempt to revive terrorism and separatism in J&K", Mr. Reddy said, "People of J&K have to decide between terrorism and separatism or development and peace".

He said Kashmir was once a hub of separatism and terrorism.

"However, after the revocation of Article 370, people want peace, brotherhood and development. They want '*azadi*' of rights as envisioned by Baba Saheb Ambedkar," Mr. Reddy said.

He said the BJP was preparing a *Sankalp Patra* (manifesto) for J&K in consultation with the people from different sections of the society.

"The BJP intends to empower every section of the society. The manifesto will have special focus on women, farmers, poor people and marginalised communities. It's our priority," he said.

Mr. Reddy said restoring the rights of migrant Kashmiri Pandits was on top of the party's agenda. "This election is a mission against Pakistan's designs and Pakistan," the BJP leader said.

## INBRIEF

### Delhi court orders framing of charges against Jagdish Tytler

A Delhi court on Friday ordered framing of charges against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in a case related to the killing of three persons outside the Pul Bangash gurdwara during the anti-Sikh riots that broke following the assassination of then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on October 31, 1984. Special judge Rakesh Siyal of the Rouse Avenue Court said there was sufficient evidence against Mr. Tytler to put him on trial. Almost 40 years after the incident, the Congress leader will now face trial for murder, abetment of murder, rioting and promoting enmity among people based on religion. The matter was investigated by the CBI.

### T.V. Somanathan takes charge as Cabinet Secretary

T.V. Somanathan took over as the Cabinet Secretary on Friday following the superannuation of Rajiv Gauba. Mr. Somanathan, a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, holds a PhD in Economics from Calcutta University. He has also completed the Executive Development Program of Harvard Business School and is a Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, and Company Secretary. He has served as Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary in the PM's Office. Prior to his joining as the Cabinet Secretary, he was holding the charge of Finance Secretary and Secretary, Department of Expenditure.

### HC seeks Centre's stand on petition against Patanjali

The Delhi High Court on Friday sought a response from the Union government on a petition seeking action against the alleged misbranding of Patanjali's 'Divya Manjan' as a vegetarian product. The plea claimed that though the dental care product was being sold with a "green dot", symbolising that it was a vegetarian commodity, it contained fish extract. The High Court issued notice to the Centre, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Patanjali, Divya Pharmacy (manufacturer), Yoga guru Ramdev, and other related parties on the petition filed by Yatin Sharma, an advocate.

# Jharkhand former CM Champai Soren, son Babulal join BJP

**Amit Bhelari**
PATNA

Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at a grand function in Ranchi on Friday. His son, Babulal Soren, also joined the party.

Mr. Champai had quit the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha recently.

After joining the BJP, Mr. Champai said he had nurtured the JMM with his "blood and sweat" and earned a position in the party after a long struggle, but was humiliated and insulted.

"After going through the insult and humiliation, I was thinking of retiring but seeing the love of the people and supporters, I dropped the decision and thought of forming a new party. But time was very less, so I joined the BJP," Mr. Champai said at the event.

All top leaders of the Jharkhand BJP, State's Assembly election in-charge Shivraj Singh Chouhan, co-in-charge Himanta Biswa Sarma, and BJP State president Babulal Marandi were present on the occasion.

Champai Soren

Mr. Champai raised the issue of Bangladeshi infiltration in the Santhal Pargana. "The Santhal Pargana, which was created by our ancestors, today is dominated by Bangladeshi infiltrators. We all have to save it by making the lotus - BJP's symbol - bloom there. The identity of the tribals is in danger and no other party can fight this battle except the BJP," he said.

# Bharat Jodo Yatra imprint visible as Congress appoints new secretaries

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The much-awaited reshuffle of secretaries of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) was announced on Friday.

It showed a clear imprint of Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Several young people who were associated with the Kanniyakumari-to-Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra and the Manipur-to-Mumbai Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra have been rewarded with secretarial posts. Mr. Gandhi had led both yatras.

The newly appointed secretaries who were involved with the two yatras include Manoj Tyagi, Kunal Choudhary, Dheeraj Gujjar, Danish Abrar, Divya Maderna, and Mathew Antony.

**Based on performance**

While several old-timers have been dropped, some have been retained and given charge of important States because of their performance. Chandan Yadav, who was earlier AICC secretary for Chhattisgarh, has been moved to Madhya Pradesh, Szarita Laithphlang has been moved from Tripura to Chhattisgarh, and Uttarakhand MLA Qazi Nizamuddin has been given Maharashtra.

The list of over 60 names also reflected the theme of social justice, with leaders from backward classes, tribal and minority communities finding a place.

Tribal leader and Lok Sabha MP from Odisha Saptagiri Ulaka and Indian hockey team captain-turned-Punjab MLA Pargat Singh are among the new secretaries appointed.

Former Youth Congress leader Suraj Hegde has made a comeback as AICC secretary for Punjab and Puducherry, while AICC spokesperson Alok Sharma has been made a secretary for Punjab.

The Congress president's office has not seen any change with Pranav Jha and Gaurav Pandhi being retained as secretaries, while Ruchira Chaturvedi, who handled social media during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, has been made a secretary in the media department along with Vineet Punia.

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| Availability of Information Bulletin | 24th August 2024 onwards |
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## INBRIEF

### CBFC withholding clearance for my film, claims Kangana

The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is withholding the release of her film *Emergency*, actor Kangana Ranaut said in a post on X on Friday. Ms. Ranaut, who is also an MP, alleged that the CBFC staff had faced threats over the content of the film, owing to which the censor board was hesitating in handing over the certificate to the producers. CBFC Chairperson Prasoon Joshi did not immediately respond to a query. Records on the CBFC's website show that the film had been cleared after a few modifications. It is not clear how the CBFC is withholding certification for a film that has already been certified.

### Sukesh Chandrashekhar gets bail in AIADMK symbol case

A Delhi court on Friday granted bail to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar in a bribery case related to the AIADMK's "two leaves" election symbol. Special Judge Vishal Gogne granted bail to Mr. Chandrasekhar noting he had undergone detention for a period more than the maximum jail term specified for the offence he was accused of committing. He, however, will remain in jail in connection with other cases whose trial is ongoing. Mr. Chandrasekhar was accused of acting as a middleman for then AIADMK leader T.T.V Dhinakaran and trying to bribe an Election Commission of India (EC) official to secure the party's two leaves symbol for the faction led by V.K. Sasikala.

## Assam House abolishes break for Friday namaz

**The Hindu Bureau**
GUWAHATI

The Assam Assembly on Friday abolished a British-era rule that enabled Muslim members to take a two-hour break to offer namaz on Fridays.

Thanking Speaker Biswajit Daimary and the legislators for this "historic decision", Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the House prioritised productivity by shedding a vestige of colonial baggage. "This practice was introduced by Syed Saadulla of the Muslim League in 1937," he said.

A statement issued by the secretariat said since the creation of the State Assembly, the sitting of the House on Fridays used to be adjourned at 11 a.m. to facilitate the Muslim members to go for namaz. The Assembly used to resume proceedings after their return from offering prayers. On all other days, the House would conduct its proceedings without any such adjournment for religious purposes.

The demand to do away with the two-hour break on Fridays was first made by MLAs of the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2017, a year after the party came to power in Assam in alliance with two regional parties.

# Modi apologises for collapse of Shivaji statue in Maharashtra

The 35-foot statue was unveiled by the PM at Rajkot Fort last year; Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar says a new statue will be installed at same place

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday apologised for the collapse of a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg. Mr. Modi said "Shivaji is our deity".

Speaking after laying the foundation stone of the ₹76,000-crore Vadhvan Port project in Palghar district, Mr. Modi said, "For me, my colleagues, and everyone, Shivaji Maharaj is not just a king but a revered figure. I extend my apologies to everyone whose sentiments are hurt."

The 35-foot statue of the 17th century warrior king collapsed on Monday, creating uproar across the State. The statue was unveiled by the Prime Minister on Navy Day (December 4) last year.

The Indian Navy has announced that a joint technical committee headed by the Navy with representatives from the State government and technical experts will investigate the incident.

The 35-foot statue of the 17th century warrior king collapsed on Monday, creating uproar across the State. PTI

In an apparent dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Mr. Modi said, "Some people keep insulting Veer Savarkar, refuse to apologise and instead head to court. My culture is different as the first thing I did was apologise to my revered deity."

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Friday visited the fort. He later said in a post on X that "a grand statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj will be installed at the same place".

Chetan Patil, the structural consultant named in the FIR registered in connection with the incident, has been arrested from Kolhapur, the police said.

**Opposition protest**

Congress leaders, including Lok Sabha MP Varsha Gaikwad, earlier staged a protest at Shivaji Park in Mumbai, demanding an apology from Mr. Modi over the collapse of the statue. Ms. Gaikwad also claimed that she was detained by the police at her residence ahead of Mr. Modi's visit.

## LGBTQIA+ couples can open joint bank accounts: Centre

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**This comes nearly a year after the SC asked the Centre to consider providing equal entitlements to LGBTQIA+ couples**

Persons from the LGBTQIA+ community cannot be prevented from opening joint bank accounts with their partners, the Union government said in an advisory this week, making it clear that they can also nominate each other as beneficiaries.

This comes nearly a year after the Supreme Court asked the Union government to consider providing equal entitlements to LGBTQIA+ couples, in a judgement that refused to recognise same-sex marriage. The top court, in the October 2023 judgment, directed the government to consider enabling LGBTQIA+ couples to be able to open joint bank accounts and nominate each other in case of death.

The August 28 advisory was issued by the Department of Financial Services as a "clarification" in connection with judgment. "There are no restrictions for persons of the Queer community to open a joint bank account and also to nominate a person in queer relationship as a nominee to receive the balance in the account, in the event of death of the account holder," it said, adding that the Reserve Bank of India had also issued a clarification on this matter to all scheduled commercial banks on August 21.

Some private banks had already been enabling LGBTQIA+ couples to open joint bank accounts, even before the judgment. In a statement, Axis Bank welcomed the advisory, saying it "seamlessly aligned" with its inclusive banking initiative, which has let LGBTQIA+ persons in same-sex relationships nominate each other as beneficiaries and open joint bank accounts since September 2021.

In April, the government set up a six-member committee to define and elucidate "the scope of the entitlements of queer couples who are in unions", in accordance with its submission to the top court.

The panel held its first meeting on May 21, the Social Justice Ministry told Parliament. A sub-committee meeting was held on May 31, and the first round of stakeholder consultations was held on July 25.

# Migrant worker beaten to death, another injured by cow vigilantes in Haryana

**The Hindu Bureau**
GURUGRAM

**People who intervened during the assault had taken a video but did not report it, the police said**

A 26-year-old migrant worker from West Bengal was beaten to death and another person was injured by cow vigilantes in Haryana's Charkhi Dadri earlier this week, over suspicions that they had eaten beef. Five people have been arrested and two juveniles in conflict with law have been detained on charges of being involved with the attack.

According to the first information report, on the morning of August 27, a group of young men came to Sabir, a scrap dealer living in a slum area near Badhra village, and took him to the local bus stand claiming that they had some scrap to dispose. The accused also called another migrant, Assam native Asiruddin, to the bus stand and allegedly beat up the duo there. When passers-by intervened, they took the two to some other location on their motorcycles. Mr. Sabir was later found dead near a canal in Bhandwa village. Mr. Asiruddin was found dumped at another location and is currently under treatment in hospital.

Mr. Sabir is survived by his wife and two-year-old daughter.

Charkhi Dadri Superintendent of Police Pooja Vashisth told *The Hindu* over phone that the accused were members of a cow vigilante gang and had beaten up the victims because they suspected that they had eaten beef. Ms. Vashisth said the people who intervened when the gang was beating up the duo had made a video of the attack, but did not report it to the police.

The accused have been identified as Abhishek, Ravinder, Mohit, Kamaljeet, and Sahil.

Mr. Sabir's brother-in-law, Sujauddin, the complainant in the case, said that he, along with his father and sister's family, lived in the slum area for the past five years, but had never faced any such trouble before. He demanded the strictest possible punishment for the accused.

# Fertilizers source of many ailments, switch to organic farming, says Shah

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that it has been proven now that chemicals present in fertilizers are the source of several ailments such as hypertension, diabetes, thyroid, and even cancer. He said organic farming was linked to the health of 140 crore Indians.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the National Co-operative Organics Ltd. (NCOL) and Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board (UOCB) was signed in the presence of Mr. Shah.

Minister of State for Cooperation Krishna Pal Gurjar; Uttarakhand Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Ganesh Joshi; and Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation were present on the occasion.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the signing of an MoU between NCOL and UOCB in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Mr. Shah said the movement for organic farming has reached an important stage and cooperatives have an important role in making India the world's largest organic food producing country.

He said there is awareness about organic products all over the world and there is a huge global market for the same. "When we increase India's share by tapping this market, the share of our farmers in the profitable business of organic products and their income also increases."

He said earlier there was no mechanism to check the quality of organic products and farmers did not get high prices and there was hesitation in using these products.

**Reliable products**

"To solve this issue, the Modi government established the NCOL. Amul and NCOL together will establish a network of international level laboratories across the country which will examine both organic land and products. They will provide reliable organic products to consumers as 'Bharat' and 'Amul' brands," he said.

NCOL will ensure that the profit from organic products directly go to the bank accounts of the producing farmers. He stated that it is possible only in a cooperative set-up.

In another two or three years, products of 'Bharat' brand will cover all types of vegetarian food, Mr. Shah said.

## 'Clause 7(2) of U.P. digital media policy draconian'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Journalist bodies on Friday urged the Uttar Pradesh government to immediately withdraw Clause 7(2) from its Digital Media Policy-2024.

The statement has been endorsed by the Indian Women's Press Corps, Press Association, Digipub News India Foundation, and the Software Freedom Law Centre. "The wide and ambiguous ambit of this clause makes it draconian. It infringes on the right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution that encompasses the practice of journalism, which often involves highlighting the failures of the government pertaining to public affairs or in matters of public interest," it said.

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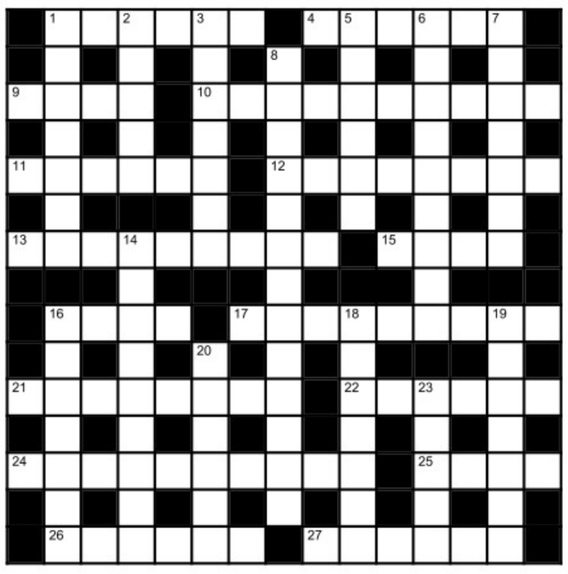

**Across**

**1** Fly from locations within time limits (6)
**4** Snow crystals begin to float on Superior and Erie (6)
**9** Water seeping in Victoria Quay (4)
**10** Create cover art showcasing almost any city (10)
**11** Abruptly turn violent in fight for justice (6)
**12** Game played in Spooner's club venue (4-4)
**13** Mathematician joining a new university, month after strike (9)
**15** Initially all cinema theatres showed plays (4)
**16** Student getting result in advance (4)
**17** Becomes weak from trials (6,3)
**21** Fixed bridges around river after freezing point's passed (8)
**22** Eager American lost in European country (6)
**24** Manager bothering previous supplier on vacation (10)
**25** Shoot a smart guy (4)
**26** Harry Potter character losing hat and old fur coat (6)
**27** Small desk in firm (6)

**Down**

**1** Strangely quiet lawyer, at first gets a drink (7)
**2** Upgrade old key (5)
**3** Restricted dining option upset men unpacking sandwiches (3,4)
**5** Studied opening of legal auditor's books (6)
**6** Incentives for bicycle moves in football, say (9)
**7** Pulse and sugar could produce this excess with age (7)
**8** MP has heard PM, say in assembly (6,7)
**14** Starts to unwind near Amadeus playing on and on (2,7)
**16** Address line etc. modified getting united again (7)
**18** Take after one's parents in their careers! (7)
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**23** Prince in bar's counter drinking a whiskey (5)

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Easy form of worship

In all other incarnations, Lord Vishnu ascended back to the realm of His world, Srivaikunta, after the purpose of His manifestation was over, but in His appearance as Sri Rama and Sri Krishna, He stayed on in this earth, mingled with people and undertook various amazing feats.

Damal Sri Ramakrishnan said in a discourse that parents are usually more affectionate towards their children living away. Lord in Srivaikunta, though worshipped by celestials and nithyasuris, is fond of the human beings living at a far distant place on earth. There are nine types of worshipping God. Hearing about Godly deeds and His stories (*sravanam*) is the easiest. Thiruvalluvar says the most incredible wealth is earned by listening to discourses of the learned, which is the sublimest of all wealth. Andal calls for ever singing and listening to the glory of Kesava. This is called "Sravana yagna." Like oblations offered in fire, our ears absorb the great deeds of God narrated by exponents. It is said that a person must take a holy dip in the river Ganga, recite at least a verse in the Bhagavad Gita, chant Gayathri Mantra, offer basil leaves to God, apply sandal paste (*gopi chandan*), perform Salagrama puja, and fast on Ekadasi day. Only some people can do all the above due to some impediment or constraint. The person who hears God's stories gets the benefits of all the above.

## INBRIEF

### Tata Motors introduces slew of urban mobility vehicles

Tata Motors unveiled ' innovative' mass-mobility solutions, including the all-new Tata Ultra EV 7M, a green, zero-emission, intra-city electric bus. The domestic auto major also showcased a diverse range of passenger transport solutions, including the Tata Magna EV (bus), Tata Magic Bi-fuel (van), Tata Ultra Prime CNG (bus), Tata Winger 9S (van), Tata CityRide Prime (bus) and Tata LPO 1822 (bus)aimed at offering customised solutions in varied utilities and duty cycles.

### Mahindra, Israel's Sentrycs to develop anti-drone solutions

Mahindra Group said it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Israel's Sentrycs Ltd. to explore opportunities for developing and providing 'differentiated anti-drone solutions' in India for civilian and military applications. "The MoU will focus on transfer of technology and manufacturing of radio frequency-based counter-drone solutions under the Government of India's 'Make in India' initiative," Mahindra Group said in a statement.

### Zydus Life's Jarod injectables unit gets U.S. FDA warning

Zydus Lifesciences Ltd. said the U.S. health regulator has issued a warning letter for its injectables manufacturing facility at Jarod, near Vadodara, Gujarat over manufacturing regulations. The warning letter issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) relating to its injectables manufacturing facility at Jarod does not contain any data integrity-related violations, Zydus Lifesciences said in a regulatory filing with the exchanges. PTI

# Core sectors grew 6.1% in July

Growth in electricity generation eased to a 6-month low pace of 7% last month, while natural gas production contracted for the first time in well over a year; Index of Core Industries lifted by 6.6% jump in refinery products, fastest rise in 8 months

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Output at India's eight core sectors grew 6.1% in July, rebounding from June's five-month low pace of 5.1%, data from the Commerce and Industry Ministry showed on Friday.

The Ministry had earlier pegged June's core sector growth at 4%, the lowest in 20 months, and the revision was largely driven by a sharp upgrade to steel output numbers, which now reflect 6.7% growth compared with a 27-month low of 2.7% estimated earlier. Electricity generation numbers were also revised for June to show a 8.6% rise, compared with 7.7% estimated earlier.

In July, electricity generation growth slid to a 6-month low of 7%, while natural gas production contracted for the first time in over a year, shrinking 1.3%. Coal output growth eased to 6.8%, the least in at least 13 months.

Crude oil output dropped for the third straight month, with the year-on-year decline deepening to 2.9%. Despite these weakening trends, the Index of Core Industries (ICI) was lifted by a 6.6% jump in refinery products, the fastest rise in eight months, and fertilizer output growth hitting a seven-month high of 5.3%.

Steel and cement production also gathered momentum, rising at a three-month high rate of 7.2% and a four-month peak of 5.5%, respectively.

Most economists noted that July's core sector rebound was not broad-based. "The key segments that have driven the growth of core output in July are the oil refineries, fertilizers and steel," said Suman Chowdhury, ED and chief economist Acuité Ratings & Research. "We expect core sectors' growth to average between 5.5% and 6% this year, given the pickup in public capital expenditure."

**Narrow rebound**

The Index of Core Industries showed growth in the 8 key sectors was spurred by refinery products, fertilizers, cement and steel

- Fertilizer output growth hit a seven-month high of 5.3% in July
- Steel and cement production also gathered momentum last month

- Coal output growth slowed to 6.8%, at least a 13-month low
- Steel rose at a three-month high pace of 7.2%, cement hit a four-month peak of 5.5%

## 'ULI, OCEN to help reset credit access'

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Shaktikanta Das ANI

Initiatives like the Account Aggregator framework, Unified Lending Interface (ULI), Open Credit Enablement Network (OCEN) will help redefine credit access, particularly for small firms and individuals, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday at the Global FinTech Fest 2024.

"The Reserve Bank's regulatory frameworks have facilitated new and innovative businesses to grow in an orderly manner. These regulatory initiatives reflect our commitment to support innovation with prudence," he stressed.

Mr. Das said collaboration between policymakers, regulators, and innovators was the defining element of India's fintech journey. The success stories in India's fintech space like Aadhar, UPI, and Digilocker were the results of such collaborative efforts.

## Fintech to enhance ease of living in the world: Modi

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

India's fintech ecosystem would play a significant role in helping enhance the quality of life for people worldwide, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said addressing the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024. He added that fintech had played a significant role in democratising financial services in the country.

"I am confident that India's fintech ecosystem will enhance the ease of living of the entire world. Our best is yet to come," Mr. Modi asserted.

## Vistara to merge with Air India from Nov. 12

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The sun will set on Vistara on November 12 when the airline will move to the Air India brand with its flights carrying the 'AI' flight code instead of its 'UK' designator, and flight bookings too, moving to the latter's web portal thereby completing the merger between the airlines.

Starting September 3, passengers will no longer be able to book tickets with Vistara for travel on or after November 12. Vistara will continue to take bookings and operate flights as usual till November 11.

The merger was announced by Vistara and AI soon after Singapore International Airlines (SIA) said the Indian government approved the plan for foreign direct investment in AI.

SIA, which held a 49% stake in Vistara along with Tata Sons, will now hold 25.1% in the combined entity in return for an investment of ₹2,058.5 crore.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | FRIDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 82,366 | 0.28 |
| US Dollar | 83.85 | 0.05 |
| Gold | 74,350 | 0.13 |
| Brent oil | 78.85 | -1.09 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3019.35 | -0.80 |
| Adani Ports | 1481.90 | 5.85 |
| Apollo Hosp | 6927.50 | 70.30 |
| Asian Paints | 3126.80 | 10.95 |
| Axis Bank | 1175.25 | -0.15 |
| Bajaj Auto | 10891.55 | 83.70 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1783.05 | 27.40 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7200.15 | 136.60 |
| Bharti Airtel | 1589.05 | 23.15 |
| BPCL | 357.65 | 1.20 |
| Britannia Ind | 5855.25 | 23.85 |
| Cipla | 1654.90 | 36.35 |
| Coal India | 524.95 | -2.60 |
| Divis Lab | 5093.90 | 81.35 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 7031.35 | 100.20 |
| Eicher Motors | 4960.50 | 44.60 |
| Grasim Ind | 2698.85 | 22.65 |
| HCL Tech | 1753.25 | 1.40 |
| HDFC Bank | 1636.90 | -1.65 |
| HDFC Life | 738.70 | 1.80 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 5455.40 | 80.90 |
| Hindalco | 701.35 | 0.85 |
| Hind Unilever | 2778.00 | -7.25 |
| ICICI Bank | 1229.20 | 7.30 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1425.25 | 7.80 |
| Infosys | 1943.70 | 10.35 |
| ITC | 501.90 | -3.20 |
| JSW Steel | 941.10 | 1.40 |
| Kotak Bank | 1780.80 | 3.55 |
| L&T | 3704.65 | 21.20 |
| LTIMindtree Ltd. | 6156.05 | 23.95 |
| M&M | 2805.40 | 47.80 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 12403.00 | -50.80 |
| NestleIndia | 2500.75 | -3.80 |
| NTPC | 416.20 | 6.30 |
| ONGC | 330.75 | 1.15 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 337.40 | 4.10 |
| Reliance Ind | 3019.25 | -22.60 |
| SBI Life | 1850.30 | 6.60 |
| State Bank | 815.60 | 1.10 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 3204.50 | 4.00 |
| Sun Pharma | 1821.65 | 22.45 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1200.15 | 1.70 |
| Tata Motors | 1111.35 | -10.30 |
| Tata Steel | 152.76 | -0.21 |
| TCS | 4553.75 | 41.95 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1636.50 | -10.85 |
| Titan | 3565.15 | 31.95 |
| UltraTech Cement | 11301.90 | 79.90 |
| Wipro | 538.40 | -0.30 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 30

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 83.66 | 83.98 |
| Euro | 92.71 | 93.06 |
| British Pound | 110.22 | 110.64 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 57.59 | 57.81 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.80 | 11.85 |
| Swiss Franc | 98.54 | 98.92 |
| Singapore Dollar | 64.21 | 64.47 |
| Canadian Dollar | 62.09 | 62.33 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 19.36 | 19.44 |
| Australian Dollar | 56.89 | 57.11 |

Source:Indian Bank

## Adani Ports to buy $185 mn stake in OSV firm Astro

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) said it had agreed to buy 80% stake in Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) operator Astro Offshore in an all-cash deal for $185 million, implying an enterprise value of $235 million.

The transaction is expected to be value accretive from the first year itself, the company said.

Astro Offshore is a global OSV provider, operating in West Asia, India, Far East Asia and Africa. It owns a fleet of 26 OSVs, including anchor handling tugs and flat-top barges.

## NCLT okays ₹3,330-cr. Dickey-Adani Coastal Energen resolution

**Sanjay Vijayakumar**
CHENNAI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Friday approved Dickey Alternative Investment Trust and Adani Power Ltd.'s ₹3,335.52 crore (excluding resolution process cost) resolution plan for bankrupt Coastal Energen Private Ltd., which owns and operates an imported coal-based thermal power plant at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.

As per the plan, Coastal Energen's secured lenders would receive about ₹3,330 crore, or 28.52% of the admitted claims of about ₹11,677 crore.

The consortium has incorporated a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to implement the plan.

In February, Dickey Alternative Investment Trust and Adani Power received approval from Competition Commission of India for acquiring the entire stake in Coastal Energen Pvt. Ltd. in a 51:49 ratio.

NCLT admitted Coastal Energen for the corporate insolvency resolution process via an order dated February 4, 2022 following a case filed by SBI and appointed Radhakrishnan Dharmarajan as the resolution professional

He filed the application before NCLT seeking nod for the resolution plan.

## 'BPCL mulls ₹1.70-lakh cr. capex under Project Aspire'

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL has a total planned capital expenditure of ₹1.70 lakh crore under Project Aspire – a five year strategic framework – CMD G. Krishnakumar told shareholders at the AGM.

This includes ₹75,000 crore for refineries and petrochemicals, ₹10,000 crore for green energy, ₹20,000 crore for marketing expansion, ₹25,000 crore for city gas distribution and ₹32,000 crore for upstream business. He said BPCL planned an investment of ₹1 lakh crore towards net-zero by 2040.

## 'Shriram Properties eyes ₹5,000-cr. sales'

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Shriram Properties Ltd. (SPL) has plans to double sales to ₹5,000 crore, triple its revenue and quadruple its profits by FY27, said Group CEO J. Gopalakrishnan.

"Our desire is to achieve what we did in the past 25 years within the next 10 years," Mr. Gopalakrishnan told the media.

SPL has 42 projects on hand with a development potential of 42 million sq. ft. and it aims to double its inventory in two years.

Ssince RERA's introduction in 2006, SPL's sales volume rose 3.5 times to 4.6 million sq. ft. and value grew fivefold to ₹2,362 crore. Mr. Gopalakrishnan said. The firm's annual handovers had risen fourfold to more than 3,000 units in FY24, he said.

Celebrating its silver jubilee, SPL unveiled a new brand identity 'SPLNxT' focusing on the mid-segment. Under this the firm aims to sell more than 20 mn sq. ft. in Bengaluru, Chennai, Pune and Kolkata. In Chennai, it expects to add about 6-8 mn sq. ft. in two years.

## Chemfab Alkalis puts off caustic soda plan

**N. Anand**
CHENNAI

Chemfab Alkalis Ltd. (CCAL) has deferred the caustic soda project in Karaikal for the time being on account of a sharp slide in the global prices of the chemical compound.

"We have deferred our 250 tonne per day caustic soda project in Karaikal for now," CCAL's annual report quoted Chairman Suresh Krishnamurthi Rao as saying. "We will move forward at an appropriate time," he added.

CCAL makes basic inorganic chemicals and PVCO pipes with units in Karaikal and Sri City.

The firm plans to double its PVCO pipe capacity at Sri City in FY25 from two lines to four.

"We intend to add three more lines during FY26, increasing capacity to seven lines by 2025-26 to meet the anticipated demand from government initiatives such as Jal Jeevan Mission," Mr. Rao said.

"The market outlook for PVCO pipes looks quite robust with more State Government Boards commencing the usage of PVCO pipes," he added.

**CENTRE FOR MATERIALS FOR ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY (C-MET)**
(Scientific Society, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, MeitY, Govt. of India) Panchawati, Off. Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pashan, Pune 411 008. INDIA

**CORRIGENDUM 1: Extension of last date of bid submission for Procurement of UV-Vis-NIR Spectrophotometer**

Please refer to the captioned Tender Notice No. PN/ADM/TEN/001/2024 dated 26.06.2024

2. In this connection, it has been decided to revise the last date for submission of tenders and the date of opening of Technical Bids of Tender. The revise dates are given below:

| Particulars | Original date | Revised date |
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| Last date for submission of Tender | 12.08.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs. | 17.09.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs. |
| Date of Opening of Technical Bids of Tender | 12.08.2024 15.00 Hrs. | 17.09.2024 at 15.00 Hrs. |

3. All other conditions in the tender document remain the same. Bidders are advised to submit the bids well in advance and avoid the last-minute rush. C-MET, Pune will not be responsible for bidders failure to submit the bids within the time mentioned above.

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In-Charge Administration

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत्त-दौसा (राज.)**
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**E-Tender Notice Invitation No. 10/2024-25**

Online Bids Are invited from the registered bidders of appropriate category for supply of the following items :-

| S.N. | Name of Item | Estimated bid value (Rs.) including all taxes | Last date of online submission of bid | Technical bid of opening | UBN No. |
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| 1. | Rate contract for medicine under MNDY | 200.00 lac | 10-09-2024 | 11-09-2024 | MHS2425 GLRC02454 |
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Note :-
1. Detailed bid document can be download from **http://sppp.raj.nic.in & http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**
2. Bid fees EMD and processing fee will be as per bid document and rtpp rules 2013.
3. Other details specification, conditions are as per the detailed bid document.

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**Department of Agriculture, Government of Andhra Pradesh**
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

Department of Agriculture, AP, Guntur invites bids for selection of Agencies for maintenance of Performance Monitoring Application (PMA App). For other details please visit **www.apagrisnet.gov.in** or **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- Sri. S Dilli Rao, IAS
The Director of Agriculture

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**Engagement of Individual Consultants in CERC**

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(Rajiv Kumar)
Deputy Chief (Admin)

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Projects Division, Yalahanka Zone, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560 092.

**No: BBMP/YNK/EE(Project)/Tend/05/2024-25 Date: 29.08.2024**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) (Two Cover System)**

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The Executive Engineer, (Project Division), Yalahanka Zone, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Govt. Organisation for the Construction of the works detailed in the table below.

| Sl No. | Name of the Projects |
|---|---|
| 1. | Further development of Sahakaranagara Indoor Stadium along with Sports Equipments at Sahakaranagara, Byatarayanapura Assembly Constituency. **Estimated Cost ₹ 200.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹ 3.00 Lakhs** |
| 2. | Balance work for construction of Speciality Hospital and Providing Medical Equipments and Allied Accessories at Singapura, Kuvempunagara Ward, Byatarayanapura Assembly Constituency. **Estimated Cost ₹ 400.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹ 6.00 Lakhs** |
| 3. | Further development of Vidyaranyapura Outdoor Ground at Vidyaranyapura, Byatarayanapura Assembly Constituency. **Estimated Cost ₹ 600.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹ 9.00 Lakhs** |

**Calendar of Events:** (1) Last date and time for Queries (only through online) **20.09.2024** upto **3:00** pm. (2) Date and time of Pre-Bid meeting is on **20.09.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Last date and time for receipt of Tenders is **30.09.2024** at **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid is on **01.10.2024** at **4:30** pm. (5) Opening of Financial Bid is on **03.10.2024** at **4:00** pm (If Possible).

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Project Division, Yalahanka Zone**

JENIN

## Israeli strike kills three Palestinians on the third day of West Bank raid

REUTERS

Israel said it killed three Hamas militants in an air strike in the occupied West Bank on Friday, taking the toll from the military operation now in its third day to at least 19. The UN warned that Israel's military operation in the West Bank is "fuelling an already explosive situation" in the territory and pressed Israel to end it. AFP

MOSCOW

## Russian editor sentenced to eight years for criticising Ukraine war

REUTERS

A Russian news editor in Siberia was sentenced to eight years in prison for publishing material critical of Moscow's offensive in Ukraine. Sergei Mikhailov had published online posts about civilian deaths in Bucha and Mariupol. He was arrested soon after Kremlin launched its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. AFP

ISTANBUL

## Turkiye arrests 100 suspected IS members in latest mass detention

REUTERS

Turkiye arrested over 100 suspected members of the Islamic State group this week, authorities said on Friday, the latest mass detention targeting the terror organisation. The country has been hit by several major attacks claimed by IS, including a 2017 nightclub shooting that killed dozens of people. AFP

FRANKFURT

## Germany deports first Afghans since Taliban regime took control

AP

Germany said on Friday it deported Afghan criminals back to their home country for the first time since Taliban authorities took power in 2021, as Berlin faces pressure to get tougher on migration. The 28 Afghan nationals were all "convicted of serious crimes and had no right to remain in Germany", a government official said. AFP

# Harris defends her drift from liberal stance, says 'values have not changed'

The Democratic presidential nominee says she is seeking consensus as she tries to strike a middle ground on issues such as banning fracking and decriminalising illegal border crossings; she supports Israel's 'right to defend itself' in Gaza war

**Associated Press**
SAVANNAH

Vice-President Kamala Harris on Thursday defended shifting away from some of her more liberal positions in her first major television interview of her presidential campaign, but insisted her "values have not changed" even as she is "seeking consensus."

Sitting with her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, Ms. Harris was asked specifically about her reversals on banning fracking and decriminalising illegal border crossings – positions she took during her last run for President. She confirmed she does not want to ban fracking, an energy extraction process key to the economy of swing-State Pennsylvania, and said there "should be consequence" for people who cross the border without permission.

**Poll bugle:** Vice-President Kamala Harris speaks at a campaign rally in Savannah in Georgia on Thursday. AP

"I think the most important and most significant aspect of my policy perspective and decisions is my values have not changed," Ms. Harris said.

The interview with CNN's Dana Bash came as voters are still trying to learn more about the Democratic ticket in an unusually compressed time frame. President Joe Biden ended his re-election bid just five weeks ago. The interview focused largely on policy, as Ms. Harris sought to show that she had adopted more moderate positions on issues that Republicans argue are extreme, while Mr. Walz defended past misstatements about his biography.

Ms. Harris defended the administration's record on the southern border and immigration, noting that she was tasked with trying to address the "root causes" in other countries that were driving the border crossings.

Asked about Israel's war in Gaza, Ms. Harris said, "I am unequivocal and unwavering in my commitment to Israel's defence and its ability to defend itself." But the Vice-President also reiterated what she has said for months, that civilian deaths are too high amid the Israeli offensive.

## Pakistan conducts military strike in Balochistan, kills 5

**Press Trust of India**
KARACHI

At least five terrorists of a banned militant group were killed and three were injured in ongoing intelligence-based operations in multiple districts in Balochistan following a string of terror attacks last weekend.

The security forces launched the operations after the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) – a separatist outfit – claimed responsibility for carrying out at least four terror attacks across the restive province, killing about 50 people, including 14 security forces. At least 21 militants were also gunned down in the attacks.

**Out of the blue:** At least 50 people, including 14 troops, were killed after militants struck Balochistan during earlier this week. REUTERS

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Friday: "The security forces are conducting extensive intelligence-based operations (IBOs) to hunt down the perpetrators of these heinous acts.

"On the night [of] 29/30 August, in three separate IBOs in Kech, Panjgur, and Zhob district, five terrorists were sent to hell by the security forces, while three terrorists got injured during the intense fire exchange," the ISPR said.

It added that the sanitisation operations would "continue until all perpetrators are brought to justice".

## Taliban refuse to cooperate after UN slams morality law

**Agence France-Presse**
KABUL

The Taliban regime's Morality Ministry said it would not cooperate with the United Nations mission in Afghanistan, calling it "an opposing side".

The announcement comes after the UN mission (UNAMA) warned that a new morality law – requiring women to cover up completely and not raise their voices – would damage prospects for engagement with the international community.

"We want international organisations, countries, and those individuals who criticised the mentioned law to respect the religious values of Muslims and refrain from such criticisms and statements that insult Islamic values and sanctities," the Ministry said on Thursday.

Last week, the UN special rapporteur on human rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, was banned from entering the country after joining other UN experts urging the international community to "not normalise the de facto authorities or their appalling human rights violations".

## Members at Pacific Islands Forum back joint police plan, maintain Taiwan ties

**Agence France-Presse**
NUKU'ALOFA

Pacific leaders endorsed a major joint policing initiative and rebuffed moves from China's allies to sideline Taiwan on Friday, as they wrapped up a regional summit in Tonga.

Security was a focal point at this year's Pacific Islands Forum, an unwieldy bloc of U.S. partners, China friends and states still tied to Taiwan.

U.S.-ally Australia convinced its Pacific neighbours to back a landmark plan giving it a greater role in training the region's police.

Although hailed as a "godsend" by nations such as Fiji, others closer to Beijing were cooler on the idea.

**Show of strength:** Members of the Pacific Islands forum pose for a group picture in Neiafu in Tonga's Vava'u on Thursday. AFP

Critics suggested the deal was less about police, and more about carving up the region to keep China on the margins.

China's closest Pacific friend, Solomon Islands, also spent the week agitating behind closed doors to effectively oust Taiwan as a development partner – ending three decades of participation.

Solomon Islands Foreign Minister Agovaka said the forum was for "sovereign states" and "not states that are governed by another jurisdiction".

The final declaration blocked that idea, and instead "reaffirmed" a 1992 agreement that paved the way for Taiwan to take part.

China's special envoy to the Pacific Islands Qian Bo reacted to the statement with disbelief. "It must be a mistake. It must be a mistake. You know, this is certainly not the consensus," he told journalists at the summit. "This should not be the final communique, there must be a correction on the text."

## 'Pakistan relaxed rules to award road contract to China'

**Press Trust of India**
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan relaxed bidding rules to directly award a $2 billion contract to China for the construction of a strategically important road.

The Cabinet's Economic Coordination Committee led by Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb on Thursday approved to invoke a special rule to exempt the requirement for the international competitive bidding to award a contract to Chinese firms for the construction of a section of the Karakoram Highway, The *Express Tribune* newspaper reported.

The Thakot-Raikot section of the highway is critical to keep China-Pakistan connected through the land route.

Pakistan had signed the framework for the construction of Thakot-Raikot section of Karakoram Highway in June during the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to Beijing. China will give a $2 billion loan for the project. The existing road portion will be submerged due to the construction of the Diamer-Basha, Dasu, Azad Pattan and Thakot dams along the road.

# Sport

## Dyf edges Supernatural to live up to his billing in the Bangalore St. Leger

BENGALURU: Adhirajsingh Jodha-trained Dyf (Akshay Kumar up) won the Bangalore St. Leger, the chief event of the concluding days races held here on Friday (Aug. 30).

The winner is owned by Five Stars Shipping Co Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy, Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy, Ms. Anosha Meyers, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni, Mr. Jiyaji Bhosale & Mr. Rishikesh Bhosale.

Trainer Warren Singh won three races, while jockey Sai Kiran claimed four races and Suraj Narredu won three races on the day.

Akshay, who confidently kept his gutsy horse in handy second place till the 1,400m, settled down to the third position till the bend before manoeuvring the mount from the outside in the home stretch.

Dyf responded well to the reminders, overtook the leader Supernatural near the last 100m, and after a ding-dong duel managed to win narrowly.

**LEADING INDIVIDUAL OWNER:** M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP (prize money of ₹46,34,904)

**LEADING JOINT OWNERS:** M/s. Gainsville Stud & Agrl Farm Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Gautam Lala, Mr. Kishore Rungta, Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Mr. Saleem Fazelbhoy & Mr. Achuthan Siddarth (prize money of ₹1,37,55,000).

**CHAMPION TRAINER:** Arjun Mangalorkar (13 wins).

**CHAMPION JOCKEY:** Akshay Kumar (16 wins).

**CHAMPION INDIAN JOCKEY CLAIMING ALLOWANCE:** Koshi Kumar (four wins).

**LEADING STUD FARM:** Kunigal (18 wins).

**HORSE OF THE SEASON:** Bourbonaire (4 starts, 3 wins).

**CHAMPION HORSE:** Santissimo (won stakes amount of ₹1,37,55,000).

**THE RESULTS:**

**Rewarding a champion:** U.T. Khader, left, speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, presenting the Bangalore St. Leger trophy to the owners of DYF, Rama Seshu Eyunni and Jiyaji Bhosale, as jockey Akshay Kumar and trainer Adhirajsingh Jodha look on.
K. MURALI KUMAR

**1. CHAMPION TRAINER CUP (DIV. II): AQUASTIC** (Suraj) 1, Live The Dream (Akshay K) 2, Ladylion (Arvind K) 3 and Femme Fatale (Sai Kiran) 4. 2-1/2, 1-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 14.25s. ₹28 (w), 12, 11 and 16 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 42, FP: 58, Q: 22, Trinella: 343, Exacta: 2,698. Favourite: Live The Dream. Owner: Mr. S. Pathy. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

**2. LEADING STUD CUP (DIV. II): PERIDOT** (B.R. Kumar) 1, Benzema (Vinod Shinde) 2, Southern Power (Akshay K) 3 and Altamonte (Jagadeesh) 4. 1/2, 1-3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 28.20s. ₹28 (w), 10, 112 and 14 (p), SHP: 491, THP: 42, FP: 1,104, Q: 1,637, Trinella: 3,901, Exacta: 46,892 (carried over). Favourite: Peridot. Owners: Mr. Fazal Ur Rahman, Mr. Naveen Preben Gowda, Mr. Ananda. C & Mr. Prashanth Raj N. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

**3. SAYONARA TROPHY: ESTEFANIA** (Antony) 1, Alacero (G. Vivek) 2, Meghann (Sai Kiran) 3 and Walvis Bay (B.R. Kumar) 4. Hd, Nk and 1-1/2. 1m, 15.24s. ₹75 (w), 23, 25 and 31 (p), SHP: 71, THP: 77, FP: 583, Q: 295, Trinella: 8,738, Exacta: 1,21,222. Favourite: Springsteen. Owners: M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF) & Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

**4. YOUNGSTERS TROPHY: BESTIDENTIFICATION** (Sai Kiran) 1, Martha (G. Vivek) 2, Mescalito (Shreyas S) 3 and Mister Brown (B.R. Kumar) 4. 6-3/4, Lnk and 1-1/4. 1m, 26.80s. ₹114 (w), 17, 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 42, FP: 367, Q: 164, Trinella: 1,198, Exacta: 5,925. Favourite: Mescalito. Owner: Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar. Trainer: Warren Singh.

**5. CHAMPION JOCKEY CUP (DIV. I): INSTRUCTOR** (Sai Kiran) 1, Monterio (Akshay K) 2, La Mcqueen (Antony) 3 and Queen Of Kings (Vinod Shinde) 4. 2, Nk and Lnk. 1m, 13.78s. ₹64 (w), 14, 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 52, FP: 419, Q: 102, Trinella: 1,047, Exacta: 11,426. Favourite: Monterio. Owner: Mr. Dinesh Kumar K. Trainer: Warren Singh.

**6. LEADING STUD CUP (DIV. I): ANCIENT HISTORY** (Akshay K) 1, Star Comet (Koshi K) 2, Measure Of Time (Rayan) 3 and Glow In The Dark (A. Ramu) 4. 3/4, 1/2 and 2. 1m, 27.99s. ₹17 (w), 11, 12 and 20 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 37, FP: 51, Q: 44, Trinella: 336, Exacta: 957. Favourite: Ancient History. Owner: Manjri Horse Breed Farm Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr. Pallon S. Mistry. Trainer: Darius Byramji.

**7. CHAMPION TRAINER CUP (DIV. I): DHANTERAS** (Sai Kiran) 1, Mehra (Antony) 2, Mayne Magic (Shreyas S) 3 and Martino (Arvind K) 4. 1-3/4, Lnk and 4-3/4. 1m, 13.83s. ₹44 (w), 16, 12 and 117 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 241, FP: 168, Q: 50, Trinella: 6,908, Exacta: 9,033. Favourite: Mehra. Owners: Mr. Dinesh Kumar K. Trainer: Warren Singh.

**8. LEADING OWNER CUP: GOLDEN TIME** (Faizan Khan) 1, Macron (Akshay K) 2, Indian Blues (Suraj) 3 and Star Admiral (Koshi K) 4. 2-1/2, 2 and 1. 1m, 06.62s. ₹625 (w), 96, 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 53, FP: 2,047, Q: 592, Trinella: 2,259, Exacta: 36,451. Favourite: Macron. Owner: Mr. H.K. Lakshman Gowda. Trainer: V. Lokanath.

**9. BANGALORE ST. LEGER: DYF** (Akshay K) 1, Supernatural (G. Vivek) 2, Trevalius (S. Saqlain) 3 and Lionel (Antony) 4. Lnk, 5-1/2 and Nk. 3m, 07.37s. ₹13 (w), 10 and 10 (p), SHP: 13, THP: 18, FP: 22, Q: 17, Trinella: 24. Favourite: Dyf. Owners: Five Stars Shipping Co Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy, Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy, Ms. Anosha Meyers, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni, Mr. Jiyaji Bhosale & Mr. Rishikesh Bhosale. Trainer: Adh'singh Jodha.

**10. CIVIL SERVICE CUP: PRANA** (Suraj) 1, Galahad (Akshay K) 2, Vivaldo (G. Vivek) 3 and Shubankar (Darshan) 4. 2-1/2, 1 and Hd. 1m, 25.29s. ₹36 (w), 12, 12 and 16 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 38, FP: 63, Q: 36, Trinella: 180, Exacta: 1,493. Favourite: Galahad. Owner: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

**11. RAJA OF BOBBILI MEMORIAL TROPHY: BOURBONAIRE** (Suraj) 1, Zuri (G. Vivek) 2, Aralina (Antony) 3 and The Athabasca (Sai Kiran) 4. 1/2, 2-3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 26.15s. ₹36 (w), 15, 14 and 13 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 43, FP: 269, Q: 65, Trinella: 330, Exacta: 1,388. Favourite: Aralina. Owners: Mr. Teja Gollapudi & Mr. S. Narredu. Trainer: S. Narredu.

**12. CHAMPION JOCKEY CUP (DIV. II): HIGH SPEED DIVE** (Sai Kiran) 1, El Asesino (Shreyas S) 2, Isabelle (Abhishek Matre) 3 and Anzac Parade (Rayan) 4. 9, 12 and 2. 1m, 15.91s. ₹24 (w), 12, 17 and 17 (p), SHP: 52, THP: 49, FP: 112, Q: 44, Trinella: 261, Exacta: 3,224. Favourite: High Speed Dive. Owner: Mr. C.V. Prasad Rao. Trainer: Sriram Komandur.

Jackpot: ₹28,173 (45 tkts.); Runner-up: 3,909 (139 tkts.); Treble (i): 1,122 (eight tkts.); (ii): 6,625 (carried over); (iii): 451 (92 tkts.).

## Gulveer breaks Bahadur's record in 5000m

ATHLETICS

**Sports Bureau**
BENGALURU

Asian Games medallist Gulveer Singh created a new meet record in men's 5000m on the opening day of the 63rd National Open athletics championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Friday.

The 26-year-old Army athlete, a bronze winner in 10,000m at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2022, shaved two-hundredths of a second off Bahadur Singh's three-decade old Open National record (13:52.72s). Gulveer, in fact, had created a new National best in 5,000m in June this year, clocking 13:19.92s at the Portland Track Festival.

**The results:**

**Men: 5000m:** 1. Gulveer Singh (SSCB) 13:54.70s [NMR; OR: 13:54.72, Bahadur Singh, 1994], 2. Sunil Dawar (MP) 14:00.50, 3. Lovepreet Singh (SSCB) 14:00.89; **20km race walk:** 1. Servin (SSCB) 1:25:35.00; 2. Amit (Har) 1:25:40.00, 3. Arshpreet Singh (SSCB) 1:26:56.00.

**Women: 5000m:** 1. Seema (HP) 15:47.95s, 2. Sanjivani Jadhav (Mah) 15:55.69, 3. Lili Das (Rly) 16:25.53; **Triple jump:** 1. V. Sheena (Ker) 13.27m, 2. Mallala Anusha (Rly) 13.17, 3. P. Babisha (TN) 13.13; **Discus:** 1. Seema (Har) 54.89, 2. Nidhi (Rly) 52.46, 3. Sanya Yadav (Har) 49.84; **20km race walk:** 1. Ravina (Har) 1:35:52.00s, 2. Munita Prajapati (Rly) 1:37:40.00, 3. Vandana (Kar) 1:39:41.00.

**TACTICAL**

## I focused on the thought process and not the result: Avani

PTI

Shooter Avani Lekhara, who produced a record-shattering top finish in women's 10m air rifle (SH1), spoke about the competition. "It was a very close final and I was focusing on my thought process and not the result. I'm happy that the Indian national anthem was the first one played in the arena this time too".

**GREAT FEELING**

## Preethi thrilled at being India's first-ever track medallist

GETTY IMAGES

Preethi Pal, who won India's first athletics medal in a Paralympics track event, was delighted. "This was my first Paralympics and I am yet to believe that I have won a medal. I am feeling proud that I have won India's first track medal in the Paralympic Games," said Preethi Pal.

**BROTHERLY LOVE**

## Manish honours late elder brother with Parisian success

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Manish, who dedicated the medal to his brother Manjeet, said, "This medal is the reward of eight years of hard work." His father Dilbag revealed that the death of Manjeet had sent the family into a shock. "Manjeet died after a water tanker crushed him under its wheels. Shikha (Manish's sister) suffered the most due to the tragedy.

**IN CONTROL**

## Sri Lanka collapses after Atkinson registers maiden century

GETTY IMAGES

England took a stranglehold over Sri Lanka in the second Test at Lord's after a century by fast bowler Gus Atkinson and another batting collapse by the tourists on Friday.
**The scores:** England 427 in 102 overs (Root 143, Atkinson 118, Fernando 5/102) & 22/1 in 7 overs vs. Sri Lanka 196 (Mendis 74).

# Resilient Avani fires India to a golden start

The shooter betters own record set at Tokyo en route to defending her 10m air rifle crown as debutant Mona joins her on the podium; Manish, Preethi bring more cheer

PARIS 2024

Sports Bureau

Be it the Olympics or the Paralympics, shooting has seen encouraging results for the Indian contingent at the Paris Summer Games. Avani Lekhara, Mona Agarwal and Manish Narwal all made the podium on the first day of shooting on Friday.

Avani became the first Indian to claim successive Paralympic gold medals, defending her women's 10m air rifle (SH1) title. Mona won bronze in the same event, making it a historic double.

Avani, 22, shot a superb 249.7 to erase her own Paralympic record of 249.6 set in the Tokyo Games three years ago. In qualification, she shot a 625.8 to be placed second. Mona, the two-time World Cup gold medallist, shot a 623.1 to lie fifth.

The elimination rounds were a tense affair. By the fourth round, Avani (187.0) and Mona (186.8) were in the top two spots. The latter overtook the former in the fifth round as the pair confirmed two medals. In the end, however, Avani's experience came in handy with Korea's Lee Yunri taking the second spot.

In the shootout, Avani began with a 9.9 while Lee shot a 10.7. But the Korean's nerves took over as she managed only a 6.8 in the next while Avani shot a 10.5, sealing her second gold on the trot.

The Jaipur-born shooter had a challenging run-up to the Olympics, having gone under the knife for a long-standing gallbladder issue. That procedure forced her to take a break for a month and a half.

"It mentally hampered me because I am not training months away from the Paralympics," said Avani in a video call from Chateauroux. "Even though it's a small surgery, a lot of core muscles weren't working the way they were before and so I had to work on that more. My team worked heavily to get me back on track."

### Fitting riposte

Growing up, Mona faced a lot of discrimination due to her polio diagnosis. She found her calling in shooting after trying out shot put, discus, javelin and weightlifting.

"In 2010, I left home to fulfil my dreams. At that time, my family objected and said it wouldn't accept me or let me into the house again. But now they're all celebrating with me," said Mona.

The 37-year-old mother of two is excited to share the triumph with her children. "When I left for practice, I had to leave my kids behind. Everyday, they would video call me and tell me how much they missed having me over. They said, 'GPS lagake ghar vaapas aajao.' I cried at least once everyday speaking to them," she revealed.

**Delightful day:** Avani and Mona registered a unique double in shooting while Manish took silver and Preethi a bronze.
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Manish, who won gold in the Tokyo Games in the Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event, missed out on the podium top step this time. After lying sixth at the end of the first series, he slowly moved up.

After taking the top spot at the end of the third elimination round with a score of 158, he slipped to second in the fourth as Korea's Jo Jeongdu overtook him. He maintained his second spot and earned the right to shoot for gold. However, his first effort in the final round was an agonising 8.9 to Jo's 10.8. Manish never recovered.

In Tokyo, Manish had his elder brother Manjeet Singh by his side to celebrate his triumph. However, Manjeet tragically passed away in a road accident in 2022.

"Last time when I won a medal in Tokyo, we danced and celebrated the entire night. Now, I am missing him a lot. He's gone but his memories are with me," he said, struggling to hold back his tears. Manish had Paralympic Committee of India president Devendra Jhajharia by his side consoling him.

Earlier, Preethi Pal won India's first medal on the Paralympics track with a bronze in the women's T35 100m event, registering a personal best of 14.21s along the way. China's Zhou Xia (13.58) and Guo Qianqian (13.74) won the gold and silver.

### Historic first

The 23-year-old Preethi, a farmer's daughter from Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, significant physical challenges when she was born as her lower body was plastered for six days after birth. Weak legs and an irregular leg posture made her prone to various diseases. She underwent various traditional treatments to strengthen her legs, including wearing calipers for eight years from the age of five.

At 17, Preethi's perspective began to change when she watched the Paralympic Games on social media. But her life-changing moment came when she met Paralympic athlete Fatima Khatoon, who introduced her to para-athletics.

She qualified for the Asian Para Games last year in China, where she finished fourth in both the 100m and 200m sprints. She moved to Delhi to train under coach Gajender Singh and fine tuned her running techniques, leading to her winning a bronze medal each in 100m and 200m in World Para Athletics Championships.

**GOLDIES**

**Carlotta Gilli (Ita):** *Women's 100m Butterfly-S13*
**Francesco Bocciardo (Ita):** *Men's 200m Freestyle-S5*
**Tully Kearney (GBr):** *Women's 200m Freestyle-S5*

**Erica Maria Castano Salazar (Col):** *Women's Discus F55*
**Julio Cesar Agripino Dos Santos (Bra):** *Men's 5000m-T11*
**Asila Mirzayorova (Uzb):** *Women's Long Jump-T11*
**Raoua Tlili (Tun):** *Women's Shot Put-F41*
**Jose Gregorio Lemos Rivas (Col):** *Men's Javelin-F38*
**Xia Zhou (Chn):** *Women's 100m-T35*
**Avani Lekhara (Ind):** *Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1*
**Jeongdu Korjo (Kor):** *Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1*
**Korey Boddington (Aus):** *Para Cycling Track: Men's C4-5 1000m Time Trial*
**Emily Petricola (Aus):** *Para Cycling Track: Women's C4 3000m Individual Pursuit*
**Alexandre Leaute (Fra):** *Para Cycling Track: Men's C2 3000m Individual Pursuit*
**Francek Gorazd Tirsek (Slo):** *Mixed 10m Air Rifle Standing SH2*
**Jaco Van Gass (GBr):** *Para Cycling Track: Men's C3 3000m Individual Pursuit*
**Lizzi Jordan (GBr):** *Para Cycling Track: Women's B 1000m Time Trial*
**Oleksandr Komarov (Ukr):** *Men's 100m Freestyle-S5*
**Tully Kearney (GBr):** *Women's 100m Freestyle-S5*
**Ami Omer Dadaon (Isr):** *Men's 100m Freestyle-S4*
**Yang Hong (Chn):** *Men's 200m Individual Medley-SM6*
**Maisie Summers-Newton (GBr):** Women's 200m Individual Medley-SM6
**David Kratochvi (Cze):** *Men's 400m Freestyle-S11*
**Liesette Bruinsma (Ned):** *Women's 400m Freestyle-S11*
**Stefano Raimondi (Ita):** *Men's 100m Breaststroke-SB9*
**Chantalle Zijderveld (Ned):** *Women's 100m Breaststroke-SB9*
**Ihar Boki (NPA):** *Men's 100m Backstroke-S13*
**Gia Pergolini (USA):** *Women's 100m Backstroke-S13*
**Andrei Kalina (NPA):** *Men's 100m Breaststroke-SB8*
**Anastasiya Dmytriv (Esp):** *Women's 100m Breaststroke-SB8*

# Alcaraz loses the battle against an ice-cool van de Zandschulp; Osaka falls to Muchova

US OPEN

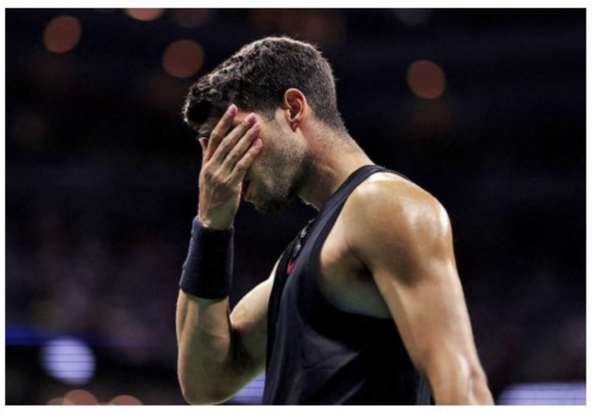
Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Former champions Carlos Alcaraz and Naomi Osaka were knocked out of the US Open on Thursday as the final Grand Slam of the year lost two of its biggest crowd-pullers.

Alcaraz, the World No. 3 and 2022 champion in New York, was stunned by Dutch World No. 74 Botic van de Zandschulp 6-1, 7-5, 6-4.

Osaka, who counts the 2018 and 2020 US Opens amongst her four career Majors, slipped to a 6-3, 7-6 (5) loss at the hands of 52nd-ranked Czech Karolina Muchova.

Alcaraz had made at least the quarterfinals in his three previous appearances in New York. Thursday's defeat was his earliest at a Grand Slam since a second round exit at Wimbledon in 2021.



**Huge upset:** Defeat ended Alcaraz's dream of becoming only the third man in the modern era to win the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open in the same season. GETTY IMAGES

Defeat ended his dream of becoming only the third man in the modern era to win the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open in the same season.

Van de Zandschulp said he was lost for words after only his second career win over a top five player.

"It was an incredible evening out here in my first time in the night session on Arthur Ashe," he said.

"I tried to stay calm. You have to keep your head against these guys otherwise they will take advantage."

For Osaka, her comeback from maternity leave remains stalled. She missed last year's tournament after giving birth to daughter Shai but made up for that absence in the first round when she brushed aside Jelena Ostapenko for a first top 10 win in four years.

However, on Thursday the 26-year-old went down to a straight sets loss to 2023 semifinalist Muchova, leaving her without a third round appearance at the Majors since the 2022 Australian Open.

World No. 1 Sinner won his 50th match of the year when he defeated America's 49th-ranked Alex Michelsen 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.

Women's World No. 1 Iga Swiatek charged into the third round, routing 217th-ranked Ena Shibahara of Japan 6-0, 6-1 to record her 55th match win of 2024.

Swiatek saw likely semifinal opponent Elena Rybakina withdraw from the tournament ahead of her second round clash with 143rd-ranked French qualifier Jessika Ponchet.

Rybakina issued a statement saying she was forced to withdraw "because of my injuries".

**IMPORTANT RESULTS**

**Men: Second round**: 25-Draper (GBr) bt Acosta (Arg) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; 10-de Minaur (Aus) bt Virtanen (Fin) 7-5, 6-1, 7-6(3); 14-Paul (USA) bt Purcell (Aus) 7-5, 6-0, 1-0, retd.; Diallo (Can) bt 24-Fils (Fra) 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-4, 6-4; Evans (GBr) bt Navone (Arg) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; Mensik (Cze) bt Schoolkate (Aus) 6-7(4), 2-6, 6-2, 7-6(5), 7-6(3); 5-Medvedev (Rus) bt Marozsan (Hun) 6-3, 6-2, 7-6(5); van de Zandschulp (Ned) bt 3-Alcaraz (Esp) 6-1, 7-5, 6-4.
**Doubles: First round**: 2-Bopanna (Ind) & Ebden (Aus) bt Haase & Arends (Ned) 6-3, 7-5.
**Women**: **Third round**: 7-Zheng (Chn) bt Niemeier (Ger) 6-2, 6-1; 26-Badosa (Esp) bt Ruse (Rou) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(8); 3-Gauff (USA) bt 27-Svitolina (Ukr) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
**Second round**: 22-Haddad Maia (Bra) bt Sorribes Tormo (Esp) 6-2, 6-1; 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt Shibahara (Jpn) 6-0, 6-1; Ponchet (Fra) bt 4-Rybakina (Kaz) w/o; 16-Samsonova (Rus) bt Bouzkova (Cze) 3-6, 7-6(1), 6-3; 6-Pegula (USA) bt Kenin (USA) 7-6(4), 6-3; 25-Pavlyuchenkova (Rus) bt Cocciaretto (Ita) 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; Muchova (Cze) bt Osaka (Jpn) 6-3, 7-6(5); Wozniacki (Den) bt Zarazua (Mex) 6-3, 6-3.

**Fallen seeds**
**Men:** 3-Alcaraz, 24-Fils
**Women:** 4-Rybakina

# Golden points rule the day as U Mumba, Delhi win

Amol Karhadkar
CHENNAI

No contest in the Ultimate Table Tennis league's fifth edition had witnessed five golden points – a unique feature of the tournament.

History was created and repeated at the Nehru Indoor Stadium on Friday as the double-header, which saw the largest turnout of the league so far, saw five golden points in both.

While U Mumba edged past Chennai Lions 8-7 to remain in the top four, Dabang Delhi TTC rolled over Puneri Paltan Table Tennis 11-4 to emerge as the table-topper (it has played one match more).

The golden point proved pivotal as the Mumba-Lions tie went down to the wire with veteran Mouma Das stunning Maria Xiao. Even the last match went to the decider as Mouma – with a Nataraj-like forehand sidespin serve – readied for her trademark forehand kill but Xiao managed to land a return deep into her opponent's backhand side to force an error.

**Pulling strings:** Manav upstaged Sharath Kamal. M. VEDHAN

The only match that didn't have a golden point was the one between Sharath Kamal and Manav Thakkar. Despite a sea of yellow egging the former on, Manav proved too fast for the veteran. But the home fans had their memorable moment when Sharath lobbed for most of the 17-shot rally before sealing the point with a forehand top-spin far from the table.

The home fans stayed back to cheer for G. Sathiyan, who converted two golden points to beat Joao Monteiro.

**The results: U Mumba TT bt Chennai Lions 8-7** (Aruna Quadri bt Jules Rolland 10-11, 11-9, 11-7; Sutirtha Mukherjee lost to Sakura Mori 8-11, 10-11, 7-11; Maria Xiao & Manav Thakkar bt Sakura & A. Sharath Kamal 11-7, 11-10, 11-4; Manav bt Sharath 6-11, 11-8, 11-9; Maria Xiao lost to Mouma Das 10-11, 8-11, 11-10).

**Dabang Delhi TTC bt Puneri Paltan Table Tennis 11-4** (G. Sathiyan bt Joao Monteiro 11-10, 11-6, 11-10; Orawan Paranang bt Natalia Bajor 11-9, 10-11, 11-7; Sathiyan & Paranang bt Anirban Ghosh & Bajor 11-6, 11-3, 11-2; Andreas Levenko lost to Ankur Bhattacharjee 10-11, 6-11, 7-11; Diya Chitale bt Ayhika Mukherjee 11-10, 11-6, 11-4).

## INBRIEF

### Anuj-Sujal set record opening T20 partnership in DPL

Anuj Rawat and Sujal Singh entered the record books with second highest opening partnership in T20s of 241 in the Delhi Premier League in the clash between East Delhi and Purani Dilli 6 here. Japan's Lachlan Yamamoto-Lake (134) and Kendel Kadowaki-Fleming (109) are at the top putting on 258/0 in 20 overs against China in February this year. Anuj clobbered 11 sixes and six fours to make 121 from just 66 balls while Sujal smacked nine sixes and seven fours to score 108 off 57 balls.

### No play between Pakistan and Bangladesh due to rain

Persistent rain washed out the opening day of the second Test between Pakistan and Bangladesh in Rawalpindi on Friday. Bangladesh leads the two-match series 1-0 after it notched a historic 10-wicket win at the same venue last week when Pakistan was bowled out for an embarrassing 146 in the second innings on the fifth and final day. Both teams are in the bottom half of the World Test Championship standings.

### Real held by Las Palmas; Girona thumps Osasuna

Real Madrid had a second-half Vinicius Junior penalty to thank as the Spanish champions avoided a first league loss of the season in a 1-1 draw at Las Palmas on Thursday. In the day's other match, Girona put Osasuna to the sword in a crushing 4-0 victory.

**The results:** Girona 4 (Bryan Gil 34, Tsygankov 53, Abel Ruiz 56, Stuani 90) bt Osasuna 0.; Las Palmas 1 (Moleiro 5) drew with Real Madrid 1 (Vinicius Junior 69-pen).

### Abhinav and Deshna complete a double

Abhinav K. Murthy and Deshna M. Vanshika added the men's and women's singles titles respectively to the U-19 crowns they already won at the State-ranking table tennis tournament being held at the Belgaum Club in Belagavi.

**The results: Men:** Abhinav K. Murthy bt Rakshit R. Barigidad 11-3, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9; **women:** Deshna M. Vanshika bt V. Kushi 11-2, 11-6, 11-3, 11-8.
**U-17: Boys:** Siddhanth Dhariwal bt Teshub Dinesh 11-1, 12-10, 11-9; girls: Neeti Agrawal bt Shivani Mahendran 11-6, 11-3, 3-11, 11-9.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**Paralympics:** DD Sports & JioCinema, 12.30 p.m. onwards
**England vs Sri Lanka:** 2nd Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
**Premier League:** SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
**Indian Racing Festival:** SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6 p.m. onwards
**KSCA Maharaja T20 Trophy:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7 p.m.
**Durand Cup:** Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
**Bundesliga:** Sony LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
**Formula One:** Italian GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
**US Open:** Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m. & 4.30 a.m. (Sunday)
**LaLiga:** gxr.world, 8.30, 10.30, 10.45 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Sunday)
**Serie A:** gxr.world, 10 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)

# TNCA XI books semifinal spot in style

Debutant Achyuth dismisses Mumbai's star players Shreyas and Sarfaraz with short-pitched deliveries; Suryakumar, with an injury, did not bat

**BUCHI BABU**

**Sankar Narayanan E.H.**
COIMBATORE

Star players Shreyas Iyer and Sarfaraz Khan had their tasks cut out in salvaging a draw against TNCA XI. However, the two batters got out to short-pitched deliveries in a span of few minutes as Mumbai fell far short of the target.

The senior pair had the added responsibility as Suryakumar Yadav did not come out to bat in the second innings, having injured his hand while fielding at slips on day three.

Mumbai, chasing 510, kept losing wickets at regular intervals as TNCA XI won by 286 runs at the Sri Ramakrishna College Cricket Ground here on Friday and booked its place in the semifinals of the Buchi Babu tournament in style.

After a fairly decent show by Mumbai in the first session (119 for two in 40 overs), Sai Kishore introduced an unconventional fielding setup to disrupt Shreyas' rhythm.

C.V. Achyuth (three for 37) started with a fly slip and a fine third-man. The pacer also had Sai Kishore fielding in a position between a conventional fine-leg and square-leg.

The plan worked like magic as Shreyas' (22) pull shot went straight to the TNCA XI skipper's hands.

**Bending his back:** Achyuth bowled with fire. M. PERIASAMY

Achyuth' sent back Sarfaraz (0) in the next over, caught at deep backward point off a wide and rising delivery. Mumbai slid from 122 for two to 122 for five with Sai Kishore accounting for Sidhaant Aadhhathrao in between the pacer's overs.

Mumbai never recovered from that jolt and was bundled out for 223.

"It's a great feeling to dismiss batters who have played for the country.

"The length is important but that spell was more about short balls and the pace helped a bit," said debutant Achyuth after the final day's play.

**The scores:**
**At Coimbatore:** TNCA XI 379 & 286 bt Mumbai 156 & 223 in 72.5 overs (Musheer 40, Mulani 68). **TNCA XI 6(9), Mumbai 0(1).**
**At Dindigul:** Baroda 327 & 175 in 77.1 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 58, Shashank Tiwari 5/57) lost to Chhattisgarh 427 & 76/2 in 8.4 overs. **Chhattisgarh 6(7), Baroda 0(6).**
**The semifinal line-up: Sept. 2 to 5:** TNCA President's XI vs Hyderabad (Tirunelveli); TNCA XI vs Chhattisgarh (Natham).

# I have felt more comfortable in a racing car, says Chetan

**MOTORSPORTS**

**S. Dipak Ragav**
CHENNAI

When the second round of the Formula 4 Indian championship gets underway at the Chennai Formula Racing street circuit on Saturday, it will be a special moment for the city's own Chetan Korada who will make his debut in the Formula 4 Indian championship.

The 37-year-old is a veteran of Indian motorsports and has actively participated in various championships over the past 18 years. His decorated CV includes wins and podiums, including a title in the 2009 MMSC Summer Cup (Class-FISSME).

However, the most impressive part of Chetan's story is that he is a para-athlete who races with prosthetic legs but uses the same car as anybody without any modifications.

Due to a bone deformity, both his legs had to be amputated when he was a child, but Chetan did not let that deter him as he took to various kinds of sports before finding his love in racing.

"I was fascinated with cars even at a young age, and my mom encouraged me a lot. The first time I got into a racing car during a track day, I felt immediately comfortable, and it was even better than a road car," recalls Chetan about his journey into racing.

**Fair play:** Chetan has prosthetic legs but uses the same car as others without any modifications. SIVA SANKAR AROKARAN

"I felt so safe in the car, and when I did my first session, I refused to get out of the car and felt I was made for it," he added.

When asked if he faced any challenges before starting racing, Chetan said, "If I had spoken about my deformity, I wouldn't have moved forward. I got that out of my head the first time I sat in the car.

"People around me were very supportive because it is not every day you see a differently-abled person go racing, which has been the fuel that has kept me going for the last 18 years."

After starting to race in 2007, Chetan trained under former racer and current FMSCI president Akbar Ebrahim and credits him with everything he has achieved.

On his decision not to go for modified cars to make things easier, Chetan explained, "I wanted a level-playing field and did not want any advantages because I believe in fair competition. Fortunately, I have not encountered a car where I have felt uncomfortable."

So, did he or his family ever have any reservations about the dangers of being a racing driver?

"Never. What have I got to lose? My family has always encouraged me and only wanted me to stay disciplined in whatever I do. I feel at home in a racing car," Chetan says as a matter of fact.

# Chethan and Mayank's knocks put Bengaluru Blasters in the final

**MAHARAJA TROPHY**

**Sports Bureau**
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Blasters stormed into the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament final following a thumping nine-wicket victory over Gulbarga Mystics in the first semifinal at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday.

Chasing a modest 156, Blasters rode on the back of scintillating knocks from openers L.R. Chethan (89 n.o., 51b, 9x4, 4x6) and Mayank Agarwal (52, 37b, 6x4, 1x6) to go past the finish line with 17 balls to spare.

Chethan and Mayank combined for a breakneck 124-run partnership off 73 balls to ensure that their opponents never gained a toehold on the proceedings. For Chethan – bought at a princely sum of ₹8.6 lakh at the auction – it was his highest of the season, a third half-century of the campaign and sixth score of 30 or more from 10 visits to the crease.

**Scintillating:** Chethan took Blasters past the finish line.
FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

Earlier, after being asked to bat first, Mystics were off to a roaring start, with Luvnith Sisodia (41, 20b, 5x4, 2x6) and captain Devdutt Padikkal (13, 7b, 1x4, 1x6) taking their side to 31 for no loss after just two overs.

But tweaker Mohsin Khan's double-wicket over, as he dismissed both Padikkal and B.R. Sharath, slammed the brakes on Gulbarga. Sisodia and R. Smaran steadied the ship with a 24-run association but another two-wicket burst, this time from Lavish Kaushal, proved disruptive again.

Mystics never really recovered, being reduced first to 81 for six and then 117 for eight. If not for Praveen Dubey's 17-ball 26 (1x4, 2x6), the 2022 champion wouldn't have even touched 150. But looking at how the Blasters batted, no total would have been safe.

**The scores (semifinal):**
Gulbarga Mystics 155 In 19.5 Overs (luvnith Sisodia 41, Praveen Dubey 26) Lost To Bengaluru Blasters 159/1 In 17.1 Overs (l.r. Chethan 89 N.o., Mayank Agarwal 52).

**Ready for the battle:** Widau and Michal prevailed in their semifinal contests. K. MURALI KUMAR

# Michal to meet Widau

**SNOOKER**

**Ashwin Achal**
BENGALURU

Poland's Michal Szubarczyk defeated Iran's Tirdad Azadipour in a tense IBSF World under-21 snooker championship semifinal at the KSBA here on Friday.

Michal, 13, relied on exceptional safety play to edge out 20-year-old Azadipour.

The match went the distance, with Michal getting the job done by potting a few colours in the deciding ninth frame.

Azadipour's tendency to go for broke on tough pots produced some highlights, but was not enough to stop the composed Michal.

Michal will face Germany's Alexander Widau in the final on Saturday.

**The results (semifinals):**
Alexander Widau (Ger) bt Lomnaw Issarangkun (Thai) 67-59, 43-68, 46-73, 104-28, 41-56, 81-6, 61-8, 69-24; Michal Szubarczyk (Pol) bt Tirdad Azadipour (Irn) 24-76, 97-0, 34-59, 67-47, 58-49, 74-37, 41-88, 46-57, 48-24.

# NEUFC aims for maiden crown against record winner Bagan

**DURAND CUP**

**Amitabha Das Sharma**
KOLKATA

Defending champion Mohun Bagan Super Giant will seek to extend its record haul of 17 titles when it takes on the first-time finalist NorthEast United FC in the 133rd Durand Cup final at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

NorthEast United rode on a series of confident performances that saw it win all its five outings since the group stage in regulation time. Mohun Bagan on the other hand managed to avert defeats with late equalisers and then won both the quarterfinal and the semifinal via penalty shootouts.

**All set:** Bagan players prior to their training session on Friday.
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Despite investing hugely on a number of high-profile acquisitions this season – both in the squad and also in the coaching staff – Mohun Bagan appears to be a team still in the building process. Its new head coach Jose Molina admitted that the team is still in the pre-season build-up process and needs time to get a settled look.

NorthEast United head coach Juan Pedro Benali said that his team has nothing to lose and will try to bring out its best and win its first major trophy since its inception.
**Kick-off:** 5.30 p.m.

## BENGALURU ROUND-UP

### Dhruv Modhe stars with all-round effort

Dhruv Modhe's all-round effort (93, 36, 5/45 & 3/37) helped Sri Kumaran Children's Home CBSE secure the first-innings lead versus Carmel High School in a drawn K.M. Ramprasad Shield U-16 school first-division tournament encounter.

**The scores:** DPS, North 466/6 in 90 overs (Pranav Kedlaya 71, Udgeet S. Nandan 137, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 28, M. Assad 122, Ankush Anuashok 64, Avaneesh Poonacha 3/97) drew with Max Muller HS 295 in 89.5 overs (G. Aravind 72, M. Akash Gowda 47, Nitish Arya 41, M.S. Kunal 34 n.o., Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 3/68, Anand Ramesh 3/39).

Sri Kumaran Children's Home CBSE 235/8 in 42.3 overs (Dhruv Modhe 93, Sanjit Sathish 34, Arnav Bhat 25 n.o., Abhinav Nag 28, V.K. Lalith Gowda 3/26) & 296/3 decl. in 59.4 overs (M. Tejas 75, Dhruv Modhe 36, Rishikesh Sharma 61 n.o., Shravan Prasanna 100 n.o.) drew with Carmel HS 158 in 52.5 overs (Navneet Anil Kumar 58, Tushar Saini 29, Dhruv Modhe 5/45) & 86/9 in 30 overs (Tushar Saini 26 n.o., Dhruv Modhe 3/37, Sukruth B. Kukke 5/10).

**Champs:** Akaash and Hitasha, winners at the Karnataka State-ranking tenpin bowling tournament.

Bishop Cotton Boys School 330/8 decl. in 71 overs (Abhinav Jha 101, Sameer Deepak Godhi 75, T.N.V. Siddharth 46, Arav Prasad 44, Aadrith 3/64, Siddharth Kona 4/60) drew with School of India 123 in 48.4 overs (Aadrith 39, Arav Prasad 4/52, Rohan Vyas 4/19) & 205/8 in 63 overs (Jaival Sachinkumar Jani 82, Shaurya Tandon 49, Padam Nahata 3/460.

Jain Heritage School 302 in 82.2 overs (Manish Benjamin John 49, Aaryansinh Chavda 48, Aditya Jha 124, S. Leshan 30, Suhaan Bhandary 4/68) drew with Gopalan National School 342/5 in 90 overs (Charvik 67, Mohammed Ayaan Bibin 58, Vidhan Loyalka 88, G.K. Saivarun 32, Kush Kumar Jha 42 n.o., Rithwik Kumar 26, S. Leshan 3/73).

DPS South 179 in 57 overs (Syaamantak Anirudh 42, Aakash Suresh 49 n.o.) & 120/4 decl. in 17 overs (Syaamantak Anirudh 58 n.o., J. Kishan 27) bt Vidyashilp Academy 107 in 49.3 overs (Prathyush G. Shetty 4/20) & 78 in 33.4 overs (Aryan Jain 3/22, Aakash Suresh 4/12).

St. Joseph's Indian HS 156 in 41.1 overs (Ankith Nandish 40, Nischal Dayanand 33, Kabir Khan 3/35, Krishang Sangeeta Rao 3/38, Yaeesh Rahaman 4/15) & 166 in 50.3 overs (Chandan Harish 85, Vishwa Venkatadri 4/16, Badrinath 3/15) drew with BGS NPS, Hulimavu 260 in 85.3 overs (S.S. Abhinav 75, Raghav Vyas 89, Ankith Nandish 3/46) & 32/4 in 3.3 overs (Badrinath 27).

### Titles for Akaash and Hitasha

Akaash Ashok Kumar and Hitasha Sisodiya secured the men's and women's titles respectively at the Karnataka State-ranking tenpin bowling tournament which concluded here on Friday. In the men's final, Akaash defeated Kishan 457-437 while in the women's summit clash, Hitasha overcame Preemal 401-332.